

# Chapter 9 • Curve Sketching

## Review of Prerequisite Skills

2. c.  $t^2 - 2t < 3$

$$t^2 - 2t - 3 < 0$$

$$(t - 3)(t + 1) < 3$$

Consider  $t = 3$  and  $t = -1$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & | & & | & & \\ & & -1 & & 3 & & \\ > 0 & & & & & & < 0 & & & & & > 0 \end{array}$$

The solution is  $-1 < t < 3$ .

d.  $x^2 + 3x - 4 > 0$

$$(x + 4)(x - 1) > 0$$

Consider  $t = -4$  and  $t = 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & | & & | & & \\ & & -4 & & 1 & & \\ > 0 & & & & & & < 0 & & & & > 0 \end{array}$$

The solution is  $x < -4$  or  $x > 1$ .

4. b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 10}{x - 2}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x + 5)(x - 2)}{x - 2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x + 5)$$

$$= 7$$

## Exercise 9.1

1. c.  $f(x) = (2x - 1)^2(x^2 - 9)$

$$f'(x) = 2(2x - 1)(2)(x^2 - 9) + 2x(2x - 1)^2$$

$$\text{Let } f'(x) = 0:$$

$$2(2x - 1)(2)(x^2 - 9) + 2x(2x - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$2(2x - 1)(4x^2 - x - 18) = 0$$

$$2(2x - 1)(4x - 9)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{9}{4} \text{ or } x = -2.$$

The points are  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$ ,  $(2.24, -48.2)$ , and  $(-2, -125)$ .

3. a.  $y = x^7 - 430x^6 - 150x^3$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 7x^6 - 2580x^5 - 450x^2$$

$$\text{If } x = 10, \frac{dy}{dx} < 0.$$

$$\text{If } x = 1000, \frac{dy}{dx} > 0.$$

The curve rises upward in quadrant one.

c.  $y = x \ln x - x^4$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \ln x - 4x^3$$

$$= 1 + \ln x - 4x^3$$

$$\text{If } x = 10, \frac{dy}{dx} < 0.$$

$$\text{If } x = 1000, \frac{dy}{dx} < 0.$$

The curve is decreasing downward into quadrant four.

5. b.  $f(x) = x^5 - 5x^4 + 100$

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 - 20x^3$$

$$\text{Let } f'(x) = 0:$$

$$5x^4 - 20x^3 = 0$$

$$5x^3(x - 4) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 4.$$

$x$	$x < 0$	0	$0 < x < 4$	4	$x > 4$
$f'(x)$	+	0	-	0	+
Graph	Increasing		Decreasing		Increasing

d.  $f(x) = \frac{x - 1}{x^2 + 3}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3 - 2x(x - 1)}{(x^2 + 3)^2}$$

$$\text{Let } f'(x) = 0, \text{ therefore, } -x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0.$$

$$\text{Or } x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$$

$$(x - 3)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 3 \text{ or } x = -1$$

$x$	$x < -1$	-1	$-1 < x < 3$	3	$x > 3$
$f'(x)$	-	0	+	0	-
Graph	Decreasing		Increasing		Decreasing

e.  $f(x) = x \ln(x)$

$$f'(x) = \ln x + \frac{1}{x}(x)$$

$$= \ln x + 1$$

Let  $f'(x) = 0$ :

$$\ln x + 1 = 0$$

$$\ln x = -1$$

$$x = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e} = 0.37.$$

$x$	$x \leq 0$	$0 < x < 0.37$	$0.37$	$x > 0.37$
$f'(x)$	No values	–	0	–
Graph		Decreasing		Increasing

6.  $f'(x) = (x-1)(x+2)(x+3)$

Let  $f'(x) = 0$ :

then  $(x-1)(x+2)(x+3) = 0$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = -2 \text{ or } x = -3.$$

$x$	$x < -3$	$-3$	$-3 < x < -2$	$-2$	$-2 < x < 1$	$1$	$x > 1$
$f'(x)$	–	0	+	0	–	0	+
Graph	Decreasing		Increasing		Decreasing		Increasing

7.  $g'(x) = (3x-2) \ln(2x^2 - 3x + 2)$

Let  $g'(x) = 0$ :

then  $(3x-2) \ln(2x^2 - 3x + 2) = 0$

$$3x-2 = 0 \text{ or } \ln(2x^2 - 3x + 2) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{2}{3} \text{ or } 2x^2 - 3x + 2 = e^0$$

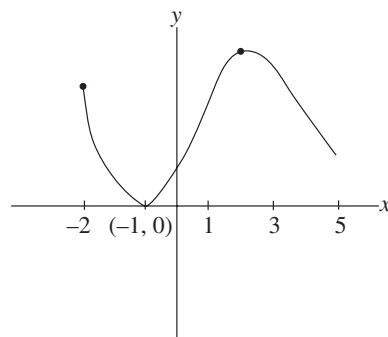
$$2x^2 - 3x + 2 = 1$$

$$2x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$$

$$(2x-1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = 1.$$

$x$	$x < \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3} < x < 1$	$x > 1$
$f'(x)$	–	+	–	+
Graph	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing



9.  $f(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2ax + b$$

Since  $f(x)$  increases to  $(-3, 18)$  and then decreases,  $f'(3) = 0$ .

Therefore,  $27 - 6a + b = 0$  or  $6a - b = 27$ . (1)

Since  $f(x)$  decreases to the point  $(1, -14)$  and then increases,  $f'(1) = 0$ .

Therefore,  $3 + 2a + b = 0$  or  $2a + b = -3$ . (2)

Add (1) to (2):  $8a = 24$  and  $a = 3$ .

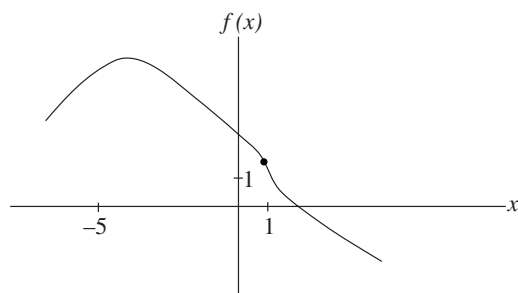
When  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 6 + b = -3$  or  $b = -9$ .

Since  $(1, -14)$  is on the curve and  $a = 3$ ,  $b = -9$ , then  $-14 = 1 + 3 - 9 + c$

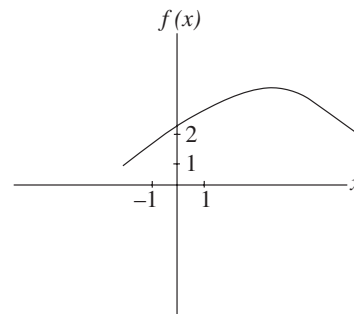
$$c = -9.$$

The function is  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 9x - 9$ .

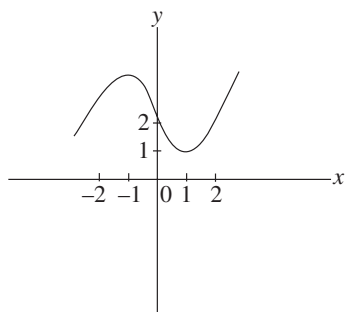
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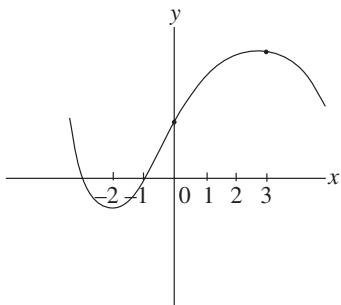
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b.



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12.  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

$f'(x) = 2ax + b$

Let  $f'(x) = 0$ , then  $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$ .

If  $x < \frac{-b}{2a}$ ,  $f'(x) < 0$ , therefore the function is decreasing.

If  $x > \frac{-b}{2a}$ ,  $f'(x) > 0$ , therefore the function is increasing.

13. Let  $y = f(x)$  and  $u = g(x)$ .

Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any two values in the interval  $a \leq x \leq b$  so that  $x_1 < x_2$ .

Since  $x_1 < x_2$ , both functions are increasing:

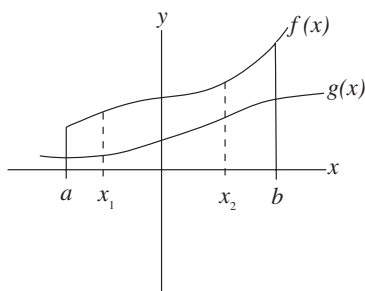
$f(x_2) > f(x_1)$  (1)

$g(x_2) > g(x_1)$  (2)

$yu = f(x) \bullet g(x)$ .

(1)  $\times$  (2) results in  $f(x_2) \bullet g(x_2) > f(x_1)g(x_1)$ .

The function  $yu$  or  $f(x) \bullet g(x)$  is strictly increasing.



14. Let  $x_1, x_2$  be in the interval  $a \leq x \leq b$ , such that  $x_1 < x_2$ .

Therefore,  $f(x_2) > f(x_1)$ , and  $g(x_2) > g(x_1)$ .

In this case,  $f(x_1), f(x_2), g(x_1)$ , and  $g(x_2) < 0$ .

Multiplying an inequality by a negative will reverse its sign.

Therefore,  $f(x_2) \bullet g(x_2) < f(x_1) \bullet g(x_1)$ .

But L.S.  $> 0$  and R.S.  $> 0$ .

Therefore, the function  $fg$  is strictly increasing.

## Exercise 9.2

3. b.  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 9}$

$f'(x) = \frac{2(x^2 + 9) - 2x(2x)}{(x^2 + 9)^2} = \frac{18 - 4x^2}{(x^2 + 9)^2}$

Let  $f'(x) = 0$ :

therefore,  $18 - 2x^2 = 0$

$x^2 = 9$

$x = \pm 3$ .

$x$	$x < -3$	$-3$	$-3 < x < 3$	$3$	$x > 3$
$f'(x)$	-	0	+	0	-
Graph	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing

Local minimum at  $(-3, -0.3)$  and local maximum at  $(3, 0.3)$ .

c.  $y = xe^{-4x}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-4x} - 4xe^{-4x}$

Let  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ ,  $e^{-4x}(1 - 4x) = 0$ :

$e^{-4x} \neq 0$  or  $(1 - 4x) = 0$

$x = \frac{1}{4}$ .

$x$	$x < \frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$x > \frac{1}{4}$
$f'(x)$	+	0	-
Graph	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing

At  $x = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{4}e^{-1} = \frac{1}{4e}$ .

Local maximum occurs at  $\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4e}\right)$ .

d.  $y = \ln(x^2 - 3x + 4)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x - 3}{x^2 - 3x + 4}$$

Let  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ , therefore,  $2x - 3 = 0$

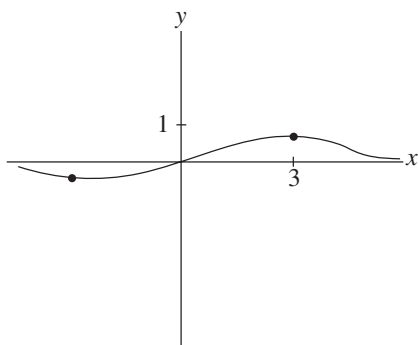
$$x = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5.$$

$x$	$x < 1.5$	1.5	$x > 1.5$
$f'(x)$	-	0	+
Graph	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

Local minimum at  $(1.5, \ln 1.75)$ .

4. b.  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 9}$

The  $x$ -intercept is 0 and the  $y$ -intercept is 0.



c.  $y = xe^{-4x}$

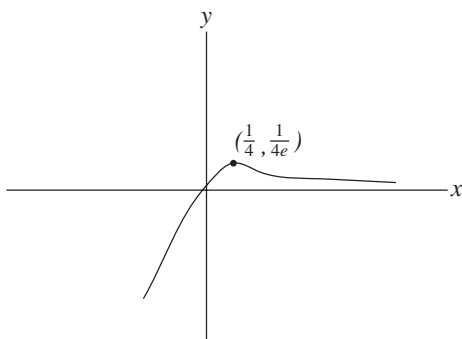
$x$ -intercept, let  $y = 0$ ,

$$0 = xe^{-4x}$$

Therefore,  $x = 0$ .

$y$ -intercept, let  $x = 0$ ,

$$y = 0.$$



d.  $y = \ln(x^2 - 3x + 4)$

$x$ -intercept, let  $y = 0$ ,

$$\ln x^2 - 3x + 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 4 = 1$$

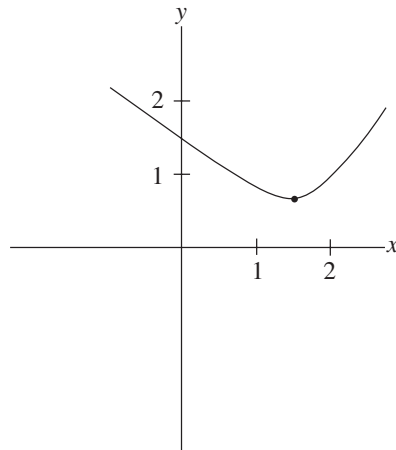
$$x^2 - 3x + 3 = 0.$$

No solution, since  $0 = 9 - 12 < 0$

$y$ -intercept, let  $x = 0$ ,

$$y = \ln 4$$

$$= 1.39.$$



5. b.  $s = -t^2 e^{-3t}$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = -2te^{-3t} + 3e^{-3t}(t^2)$$

Let  $\frac{ds}{dt} = 0$ .

$$te^{-3t}[-2 + 3t] = 0$$

$$t = 0 \text{ or } t = \frac{2}{3}.$$

$t$	$t < 0$	$t = 0$	$0 < t < \frac{2}{3}$	$t = \frac{2}{3}$	$t > \frac{2}{3}$
$\frac{ds}{dt}$	+	0	-	0	+
Graph	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

Critical points are  $(0, 0)$  and  $(\frac{2}{3}, -0.06)$ .

Tangent is parallel to  $t$ -axis.

c.  $y = (x - 5)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3}(x - 5)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3(x - 5)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \neq 0$$

The critical point is at (5, 0), but is neither a maximum or minimum. The tangent is not parallel to  $x$ -axis.

f.  $y = x^2 - 12x^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - \frac{1}{3}(12x^{-\frac{2}{3}})$$

$$= 2x - \frac{4}{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

Let  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ . Then,  $2x = \frac{4}{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}$ :

$$2x^{\frac{5}{3}} = 4$$

$$x^{\frac{5}{3}} = 2$$

$$x = 2^{\frac{3}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{2^3}$$

$$x \doteq 1.5.$$

Critical points are at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1.5$ .

$x$	$x < 0$	$x = 0$	$0 < x < 1.5$	$x = 1.5$	$x > 1.5$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	–	undefined	–	0	+
Graph	Decreasing	Vertical Tangent	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

Critical points are at (0, 0) and (1.5, –11.5).

Local minimum is at (1.5, –11.5).

Tangent is parallel to  $y$ -axis at (0, 0).

Tangent is parallel to  $x$ -axis at (1.5, –11.5).

7. e.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 2}$

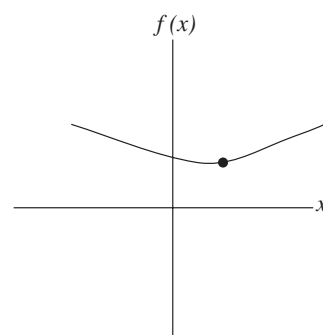
$$f'(x) = \frac{2x - 2}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 2}}$$

Let  $f'(x) = 0$ , then  $x = 1$ .

Also,  $x^2 - 2x + 2 \geq 0$  for all  $x$ .

$x$	$x < 1$	$x = 1$	$x > 1$
$f'(x)$	–	0	+
Graph	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

Local minimum is at (1, 1).



g.  $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$

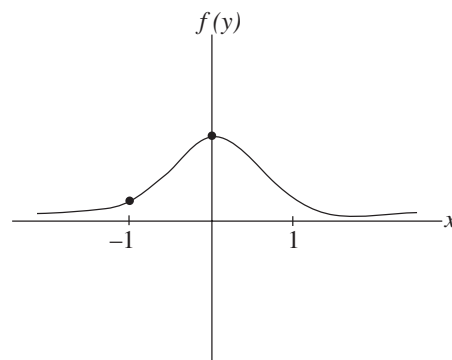
$$f'(x) = -2xe^{-x^2}$$

Let  $f'(x) = 0$ , then  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$x < 0$	0	$x > 0$
$f'(x)$	+	0	–
Graph	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing

When  $x = 0$ ,  $e^0 = 1$ .

Local maximum point is at (0, 1).



h.  $f(x) = x^2 \ln x$

$$f'(x) = 2x \ln x + x^2 \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$= 2x \ln x + x$$

Let  $f'(x) = 0$ :

$$2x \ln x + x = 0$$

$$x(2 \ln x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } \ln x = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

But,  $x > 0$ , then  $x \neq 0$ ,

$$x = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0.61.$$

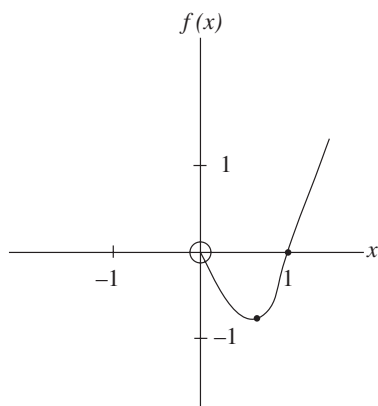
$x$	$0 < x < 0.61$	$0.61$	$x > 0.61$
$f'(x)$	-	0	+
Graph	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

Local minimum is at  $x = 0.61$  and  $f(0.61)$ :

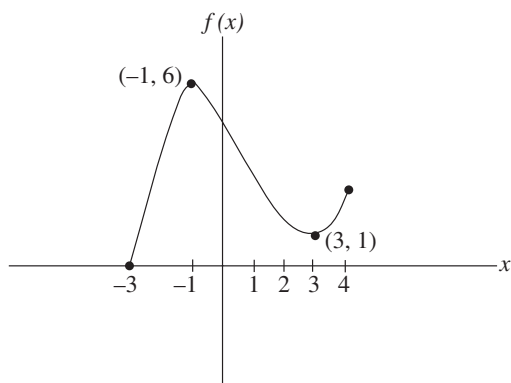
$$= 2(0.61) \ln 0.61 + 0.61$$

$$= -0.64.$$

Critical point is  $(0.61, -0.64)$ .



9.



10.  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2ax + b$$

Since a relative maximum occurs at

$$x = 3, \text{ then } 2ax + b = 0 \text{ at } x = 3.$$

$$\text{Or, } 6a + b = 0.$$

$$\text{Also, at } (0, 1), 1 = 0 + 0 + c \text{ or } c = 1.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } y = ax^2 + bx + 1.$$

Since  $(3, 12)$  lies on the curve,

$$12 = 0a + 3b + 1$$

$$9a + 3b = 11$$

$$6a + b = 0.$$

$$\text{Since } b = -6a,$$

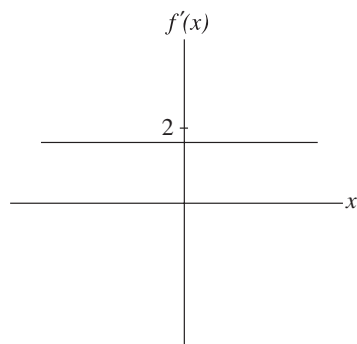
$$\text{then } 9a - 18a = 11$$

$$\text{or } a = \frac{-11}{9}$$

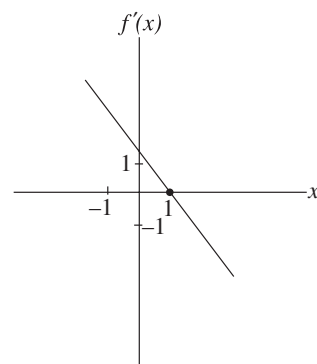
$$b = \frac{22}{3}.$$

$$\text{The equation is } y = \frac{-11}{9}x^2 + \frac{22}{3}x + 1.$$

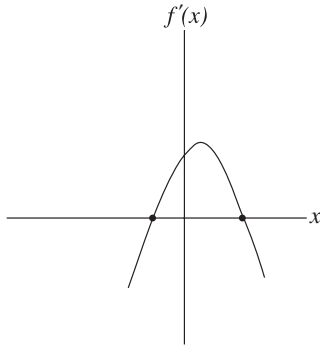
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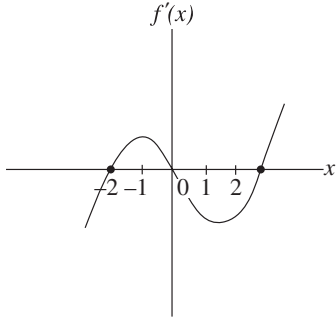
b.



c.



d.



12.  $f(x) = 3x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

a.  $f'(x) = 12x^3 + 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$

At  $x = 0, f'(0) = 0$ , then  $f'(0) = 0 + 0 + 0 + c$   
or  $c = 0$ .

At  $x = -2, f'(-2) = 0$ ,

$$-96 + 12a - 4b = 0. \quad (1)$$

Since  $(0, -9)$  lies on the curve,

$$-9 = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + d$$

or  $d = -9$ .

Since  $(-2, -73)$  lies on the curve,

$$-73 = 48 - 8a + 4b + 0 - 9$$

$$-8a + 4b = -112$$

$$\text{or } 2a - b = 28 \quad (2)$$

Also, from (1):  $3a - b = 24$

$$2a - b = -28$$

$$a = -4$$

$$b = -36.$$

The function is  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 36x^2 - 9$ .

b.  $f'(x) = 12x^3 - 12x^2 - 72x$

Let  $f'(x) = 0$ :

$$x^3 - x^2 - 6x = 0$$

$$x(x-3)(x+2) = 0.$$

Third point occurs at  $x = 3$ ,

$$f(3) = -198.$$

$x$	$x < -2$	$-2$	$-2 < x < 0$	$0$	$0 < x < 3$	$3$	$x > 3$
$f'(x)$	-	0	+	0	-	0	+
Graph	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

Local minimum is at  $(-2, -73)$  and  $(3, -198)$ .

Local maximum is at  $(0, -9)$ .

13. a.  $y = 4 - 3x^2 - x^4$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -6x - 4x^3$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0:$$

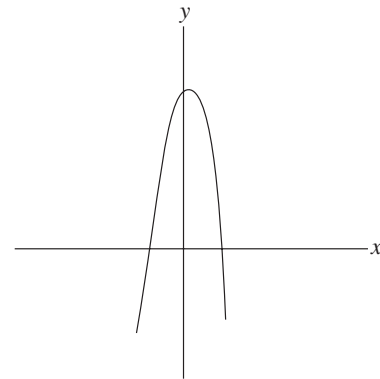
$$-6x - 4x^3 = 0$$

$$-2x(2x^2 + 3) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x^2 = \frac{-3}{2}; \text{ inadmissible.}$$

$x$	$x < 0$	$0$	$x > 0$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	+	0	-
Graph	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing

Local maximum is at  $(0, 4)$ .



b.  $y = 3x^5 - 5x^3 - 30x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 15x^4 - 15x^2 - 30$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0:$$

$$15x^4 - 15x^2 - 30 = 0$$

$$x^4 - x^2 - 2 = 0$$

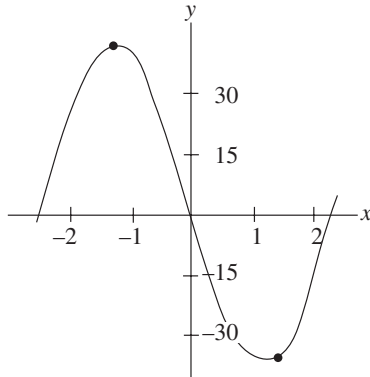
$$(x^2 - 2)(x^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$x^2 = 2 \text{ or } x^2 = -1$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{2}; \text{ inadmissible.}$$

At  $x = 100$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$ .

Therefore, function is increasing into quadrant one, local minimum is at  $(1.41, -39.6)$  and local maximum is at  $(-1.41, 39.6)$ .



14.  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

Since  $f(x)$  has a local maximum at  $x = c$ , then  $f'(x) > 0$  for  $x < c$  and  $f'(x) < 0$  for  $x > c$ .

Since  $g(x)$  has a local minimum at  $x = c$ , then  $g'(x) < 0$  for  $x < c$  and  $g'(x) > 0$  for  $x > c$ .

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$h'(x) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - g'(x)f(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

If  $x < c$ ,  $f'(x) > 0$  and  $g'(x) < 0$ , then  $h'(x) > 0$ .

If  $x > c$ ,  $f'(x) < 0$  and  $g'(x) > 0$ , then  $h'(x) < 0$ .

Since for  $x < c$ ,  $h'(x) > 0$  and for  $x > c$ ,  $h'(x) < 0$ .

Therefore,  $h(x)$  has a local maximum at  $x = c$ .

## Exercise 9.3

2.  $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$

Conditions for a vertical asymptote:

$h(x) = 0$  must have at least one solution  $s$ , and

$\lim_{x \rightarrow s_1} f(x) = \infty$ .

Conditions for a horizontal asymptote:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = k$  where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Condition for an oblique asymptote is that the highest power of  $g(x)$  must be one more than the highest power of  $h(x)$ .

6. a.  $y = \frac{x-3}{x+5}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} \frac{x-3}{x+5} = -\infty, \lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} \frac{x-3}{x+5} = +\infty \quad (1)$$

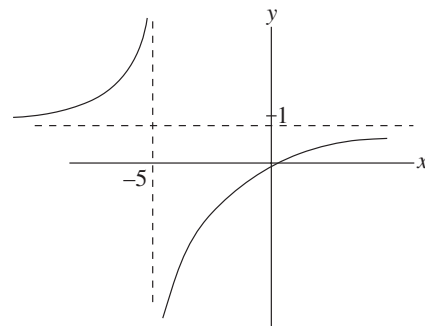
Vertical asymptote at  $x = -5$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x-3}{x+5} = 1, \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x-3}{x+5} = 1 \quad (2)$$

Horizontal asymptote at  $y = 1$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+5-x+3}{(x+5)^2} = \frac{8}{(x+5)^2} \quad (3)$$

Since  $\frac{dy}{dx} \neq 0$ , there are no maximum or minimum points.



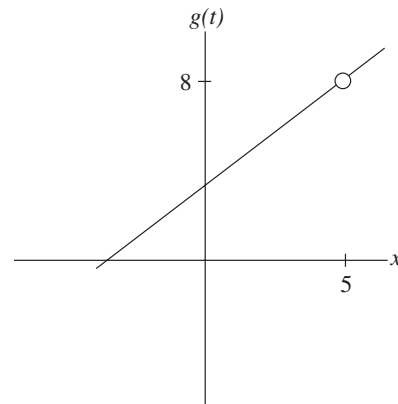
c.  $g(t) = \frac{t^2 - 2t - 15}{t - 5}$

Discontinuity at  $t = 5$ .

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{(t-5)(t+3)}{t-5} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 5^-} (t+3) = 8$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 5^+} (t+3) = 8$$

No asymptote at  $x = 5$ . The curve is of the form  $t + 3$ .





d.  $p(x) = \frac{15}{6 - 2e^x}$

Discontinuity when  $6 - 2e^x = 0$

$$e^x = 3$$

$$x = \ln 3 \doteq 1.1.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1.1^-} \frac{15}{6 - 2e^x} = +\infty, \lim_{x \rightarrow 1.1^+} \frac{15}{6 - 2e^x} = -\infty \quad (1)$$

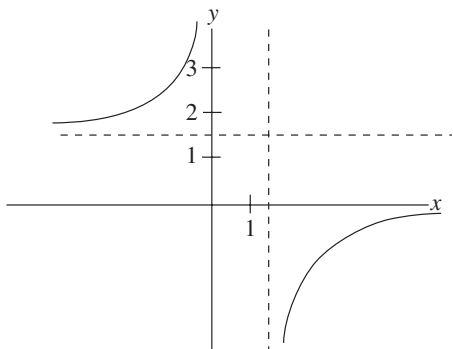
Vertical asymptote at  $x \doteq 1.1$ .

Horizontal asymptote:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{15}{6 - 2e^x} = 0$  from below, (2)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{15}{6 - 2e^x} = \frac{15}{6} \text{ from above.}$$

$$p'(x) = \frac{-15(-2e^x)}{(6 - 2e^x)^2} \quad (3)$$

True if  $e^x = 0$ , which is not possible. No maximum or minimum points.



e.  $y = \frac{(2+x)(3-2x)}{x^2 - 3x}$

Discontinuity at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 3$  (1)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(2+x)(3-2x)}{x^2 - 3x} = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{(2+x)(3-2x)}{x^2 - 3x} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{(2+x)(3-2x)}{x^2 - 3x} = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{(2+x)(3-2x)}{x^2 - 3x} = -\infty$$

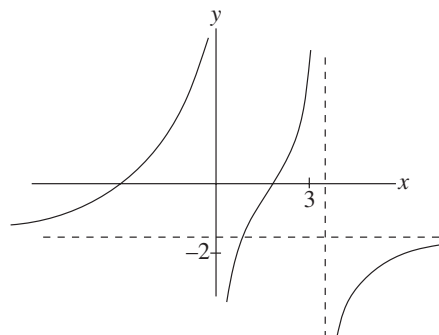
Vertical asymptotes at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 3$ .

Horizontal asymptote. (2)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2+x)(3-2x)}{x^2 - 3x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{6}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x} - 2}{1 - \frac{3}{x}} = -2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{6}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x} - 2}{1 - \frac{3}{x}} = -2$$

Horizontal asymptote at  $y = -2$ .



f.  $P = \frac{10}{n^2 + 4}$

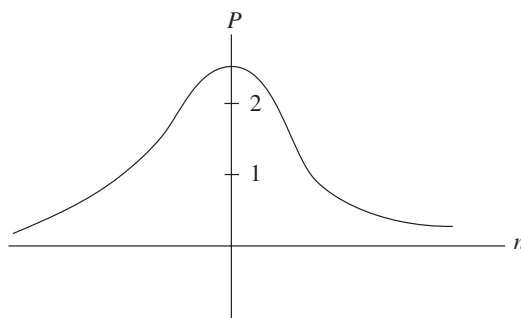
No discontinuity

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} p = 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p = 0$$

$$\frac{dp}{dn} = \frac{-10(2n)}{(n^2 + 4)^2}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dn} = 0, \text{ then } n = 0$$

Maximum point is at  $(0, 2.5)$ .



7. b.  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 9x + 2}{2x + 3}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 3 \\ 2x + 3 \overline{) 2x^2 + 9x + 2} \\ \underline{2x^2 + 3x} \phantom{2} \\ 6x + 2 \\ \underline{6x + 9} \\ -7 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 9x + 2}{2x + 3}$$

$$= x + 3 - \frac{7}{2x + 3}$$

Oblique asymptote is at  $y = x + 3$ .

d.  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x^2 - 9x + 15}{x^2 - 4x + 3}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 3 \\ x^2 - 4x + 3 \overline{) x^3 - x^2 - 9x + 15} \\ \underline{x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x} \phantom{15} \\ 3x^2 - 12x + 15 \\ \underline{3x^2 - 12x + 9} \\ 6 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = x + 3 + \frac{6}{x^2 - 4x + 3}$$

Oblique asymptote is at  $y = x + 3$ .

8. b. Oblique asymptote is at  $y = x + 3$ .

Consider  $x > \frac{-3}{2}$  and  $x < \frac{-3}{2}$ .

Consider  $x = 0$ .

$f(0) = \frac{2}{3}$  and for the oblique asymptote  $y = 3$ .

Therefore, the oblique asymptote is above the curve for  $x > \frac{-3}{2}$ .

The curve approaches the asymptote from below.

Consider  $x = -2$ .

$$f(-2) = \frac{8 - 18 + 2}{-1}$$

$$= 8$$

For the oblique asymptote,  $y = 1$ .

Therefore, the curve is above the oblique asymptote and approaches the asymptote from above.

9. a.  $f(x) = \frac{3 - x}{2x + 5}$

Discontinuity is at  $x = -2.5$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2.5^-} \frac{3 - x}{2x + 5} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2.5^+} \frac{3 - x}{2x + 5} = +\infty$$

Vertical asymptote is at  $x = -2.5$ .

Horizontal asymptote:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - x}{2x + 5} = -\frac{1}{2}, \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3 - x}{2x + 5} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

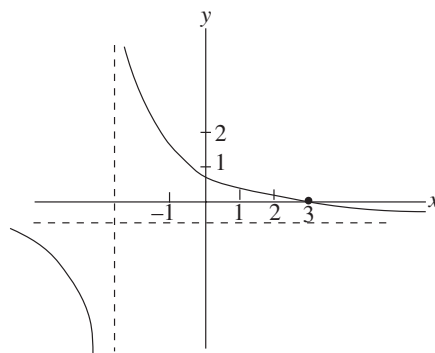
Horizontal asymptote is at  $y = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$f'(x) = \frac{-(2x + 5) - 2(3 - x)}{(2x + 5)^2} = \frac{-11}{(2x + 5)^2}$$

Since  $f'(x) \neq 0$ , there are no maximum or minimum points.

y-intercept, let  $x = 0$ ,  $y = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$

x-intercept, let  $y = 0$ ,  $\frac{3 - x}{2x + 5} = 0$ ,  $x = 3$



d.  $s(t) = t + \frac{1}{t}$

Discontinuity is at  $t = 0$ .

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left( t + \frac{1}{t} \right) = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \left( t + \frac{1}{t} \right) = -\infty$$

Oblique asymptote is at  $s(t) = t$ .

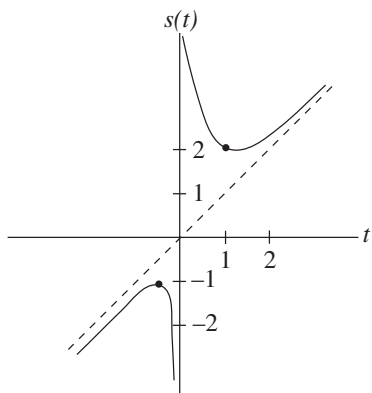
$$s'(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{t^2}$$

Let  $s'(t) = 0$ ,  $t^2 = 1$

$$t = \pm 1.$$

$t$	$t < -1$	$t = -1$	$-1 < t < 0$	$0 < t < 1$	$t = 1$	$t > 1$
$s'(t)$	+	0	-	-	0	+
Graph	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

Local maximum is at  $(-1, -2)$  and local minimum is at  $(1, 2)$ .



e.  $g(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 5x + 2}{x + 3}$

Discontinuity is at  $x = -3$ .

$$\frac{2x^2 + 5x + 2}{x + 3} = 2x - 1 + \frac{5}{x + 3}$$

Oblique asymptote is at  $y = 2x - 1$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} g(x) = +\infty, \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} g(x) = -\infty$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{(4x + 5)(x + 3) - (2x^2 + 5x + 2)}{(x + 3)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x^2 + 12x + 13}{(x + 3)^2}$$

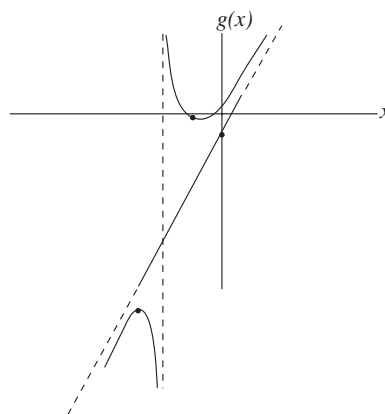
Let  $g'(x) = 0$ , therefore,  $2x^2 + 12x + 13 = 0$ :

$$x = \frac{-12 \pm \sqrt{144 - 104}}{4}$$

$$x = -1.4 \text{ or } x = -4.6.$$

$x$	$x < -4.6$	$-4.6$	$-4.6 < x < -3$	$-3$	$-3 < x < -1.4$	$x = -1.4$	$x > -1.4$
$g'(x)$	+	0	-	Undefined	-	0	+
Graph	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Vertical Asymptote	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

Local maximum is at  $(-4.6, -10.9)$  and local minimum is at  $(-1.4, -0.7)$ .



f.  $s(t) = \frac{t^2 + 4t - 21}{t - 3}, t \geq -7$

$$= \frac{(t + 7)(t - 3)}{(t - 3)}$$

Discontinuity is at  $t = 3$ .

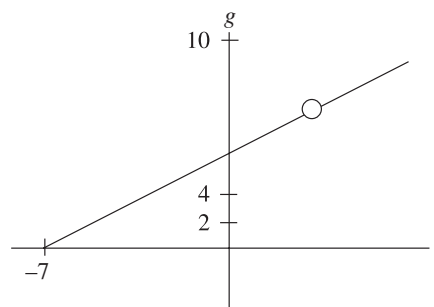
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{(t + 7)(t - 3)}{t - 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (t + 7)$$

$$= 10$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (t + 7) = 10$$

There is no vertical asymptote.

The function is the straight line  $s = t + 7, t \geq -7$ .



11.  $f(x) = \frac{ax + 5}{3 - bx}$

Vertical asymptote is at  $x = -4$ .

Therefore,  $3 - bx = 0$  at  $x = -5$ .

That is,  $3 - b(-5) = 0$

$$b = \frac{3}{5}.$$

Horizontal asymptote is at  $y = -3$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{ax + 5}{3 - bx} \right) = -3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{ax+5}{3-bx} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a + \frac{5}{x}}{\frac{3}{x} - b} \right) = \frac{-a}{b}$$

$$\text{But } -\frac{a}{b} = -3 \text{ or } a = 3b.$$

$$\text{But } b = \frac{3}{5}, \text{ then } a = \frac{9}{5}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 12. \text{ a. } \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2+1}{x+1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \frac{1}{x}}{1 + \frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x+1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x+1)(x+1)}{(x+1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x+1) \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{x^2+1}{x+1} - \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x+1} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2+1-x^2-2x-1}{x+1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2x}{x+1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2}{1 + \frac{1}{x}} = -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$13. f(x) = \frac{2x^2-2x}{x^2-9}$$

Discontinuity is at  $x^2-9=0$  or  $x=\pm 3$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = +\infty$$

Vertical asymptotes are at  $x=3$  and  $x=-3$ .

Horizontal asymptote:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 2 \text{ (from below)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 2 \text{ (from above)}$$

Horizontal asymptote is at  $y=2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{(4x-2)(x^2-9) - 2x(2x^2-2x)}{(x^2-9)^2} \\ &= \frac{4x^3-2x^2-36x+18-4x^3+4x^2}{(x^2-9)^2} \\ &= \frac{2x^2-36x+18}{(x^2-9)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } f'(x) = 0, 2x^2 - 36x + 18 = 0$$

$$\text{or } x^2 - 18x + 9 = 0.$$

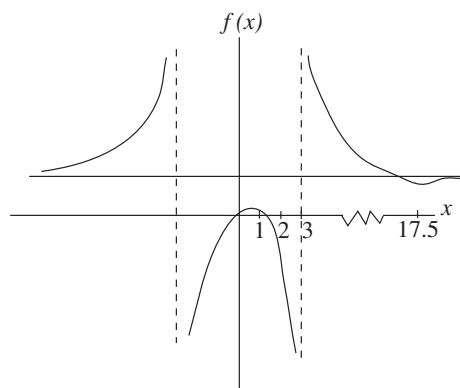
$$x = \frac{18 \pm \sqrt{18^2 - 36}}{2}$$

$$x = 0.51 \text{ or } x = 17.5$$

$$y = 0.057 \text{ or } y = 1.83.$$

$x$	$-3 < x < 0.51$	0.51	$0.51 < x < 3$	$3 < x < 17.5$	17.5	$x > 17.5$
$f'(x)$	+	0	-	-	0	+
Graph	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

Local maximum is at (0.51, 0.057) and local minimum is at (17.5, 1.83).



$$14. y = \frac{x^2+3x+7}{x+2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+1 \\ x+2 \overline{) x^2+3x+7} \\ \underline{x^2+2x} \phantom{7} \\ x+7 \\ \underline{x+2} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

$$y = \frac{x^2+3x+7}{x+2} = x+1 + \frac{5}{x+2}$$

Oblique asymptote is at  $y = x+1$ .

## Exercise 9.4

2. a.  $y = x^3 - 6x^2 - 15x + 10$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 12x - 15$$

For critical values, we solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ :

$$3x^2 - 12x - 15 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 5 = 0$$

$$(x - 5)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -1$$

The critical points are (5, -105) and (-1, 20).

$$\text{Now, } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6x - 12.$$

At  $x = 5$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 18 > 0$ . There is a local minimum at this point.

At  $x = -1$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -18 < 0$ . There is a local maximum at this point.

The local minimum is (5, -105) and the local maximum is (-1, 20)

b.  $y = \frac{25}{x^2 + 48}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{50x}{(x^2 + 48)^2}$$

For critical values, solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  or  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  does not exist.

Since  $x^2 + 48 > 0$  for all  $x$ , the only critical point

is  $\left(0, \frac{25}{48}\right)$ .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -50(x^2 + 48)^{-2} + 100x(x^2 + 48)^{-3} (2x)$$

$$= -\frac{50}{(x^2 + 48)^2} + \frac{200x^2}{(x^2 + 48)^3}$$

At  $x = 0$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{50}{48^2} < 0$ . The point  $\left(0, \frac{25}{48}\right)$  is a local maximum.

c.  $s = t + t^{-1}$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 1 - \frac{1}{t^2}, t \neq 0$$

For critical values, we solve  $\frac{ds}{dt} = 0$ :

$$1 - \frac{1}{t^2} = 0$$

$$t^2 = 1$$

$$t = \pm 1.$$

The critical points are (-1, -2) and (1, 2).

$$\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = \frac{2}{t^3}$$

At  $t = -1$ ,  $\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = -2 < 0$ . The point (-1, -2) is a

local maximum. At  $t = 1$ ,  $\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = 2 > 0$ . The point (1, 2) is a local minimum.

d.  $y = (x - 3)^3 + 8$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(x - 3)^2$$

$x = 3$  is a critical value.

The critical point is (3, 8).

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6(x - 3)$$

$$\text{At } x = 3, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0.$$

The point (3, 8) is neither a relative (local) maximum or minimum.

3. a. For possible point(s) of inflection, solve

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 0: \\ 6x - 8 &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{4}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

Interval	$x < \frac{4}{3}$	$x = \frac{4}{3}$	$x > \frac{4}{3}$
$f''(x)$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $f(x)$	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up

The point  $\left(\frac{4}{3}, -14\frac{20}{27}\right)$  is a point of inflection.

- b. For possible point(s) of inflection, solve

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 0: \\ \frac{200x^2 - 50x^2 - 2400}{(x^2 + 48)^3} &= 0 \\ 150x^2 &= 2400. \\ \text{Since } x^2 + 48 &> 0: \\ x &= \pm 4.\end{aligned}$$

Interval	$x < -4$	$x = -4$	$-4 < x < 4$	$x = 4$	$x > 4$
$f''(x)$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $f(x)$	Concave Up	Point of Inflection	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up

$\left(-4, \frac{25}{64}\right)$  and  $\left(4, \frac{25}{64}\right)$  are points of inflection.

c.  $\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = \frac{3}{t^2}$

Interval	$t < 0$	$t = 0$	$t > 0$
$f''(t)$	$< 0$	Undefined	$> 0$
Graph of $f(t)$	Concave Down	Undefined	Concave Up

The graph does not have any points of inflection.

- d. For possible points of inflection, solve

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 0: \\ 6(x - 3) &= 0 \\ x &= 3.\end{aligned}$$

Interval	$x < 3$	$x = 3$	$x > 3$
$f''(x)$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $f(x)$	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up

$(3, 8)$  is a point of inflection.

4. a.  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 10x + 3$  at  $x = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= 6x^2 - 10 \\ f''(x) &= 12x \\ f''(2) &= 24 > 0\end{aligned}$$

The curve lies above the tangent at  $(2, -1)$ .

b.  $g(x) = x^2 - \frac{1}{x}$  at  $x = -1$

$$g'(x) = 2x + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$g''(x) = 2 - \frac{2}{x^3}$$

$$g''(-1) = 2 + 2 = 4 > 0$$

The curve lies above the tangent line at  $(-1, 2)$ .

c.  $s = e^t \ln t$  at  $t = 1$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = e^t \ln t + \frac{e^t}{t}$$

$$\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = e^t \ln t + \frac{e^t}{t} + \frac{e^t}{t} - \frac{e^t}{t^2}$$

$$\text{At } t = 1, \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = 0 + e + e - e = e > 0.$$

The curve is above the tangent line at  $(1, 0)$ .

d.  $p = \frac{w}{\sqrt{w^2 + 1}}$  at  $w = 3$

$$p = w(w^2 + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dw} = (w^2 + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + w\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(w^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}}(2w)$$

$$= (w^2 + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - w^2(w^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\frac{d^2p}{dw^2} = -\frac{1}{2}(w^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}(2w) - 2w(w^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + w^2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)(w^2 + 1)^{\frac{5}{2}}(2w)$$

$$\text{At } w = 3, \frac{d^2p}{dw^2} = -\frac{3}{10\sqrt{10}} - \frac{6}{10\sqrt{10}} + \frac{81}{100\sqrt{10}} = -\frac{9}{100\sqrt{10}} < 0.$$

The curve is below the tangent line at  $\left(3, \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}\right)$ .

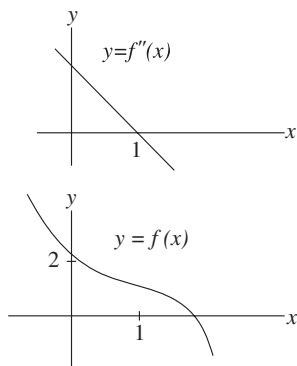
5. (i) a.  $f''(x) > 0$  for  $x < 1$

Thus, the graph of  $f(x)$  is concave up on  $x < 1$ .

$f''(x) \leq 0$  for  $x > 1$ . The graph of  $f(x)$  is concave down on  $x > 1$ .

- (i) b. There is a point of inflection at  $x = 1$ .

- (i) c.



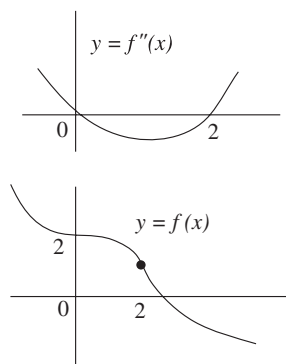
- (ii) a.  $f''(x) > 0$  for  $x < 0$  or  $x > 2$

The graph of  $f(x)$  is concave up on  $x < 0$  or  $x > 2$ .

The graph of  $f(x)$  is concave down on  $0 < x < 2$ .

- (ii) b. There are points of inflection at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2$ .

- (ii) c.



6. For any function  $y = f(x)$ , find the critical points, i.e., the values of  $x$  such that  $f'(x) = 0$  or  $f'(x)$  does not exist. Evaluate  $f''(x)$  for each critical value. If the value of the second derivative at a critical point is positive, the point is a local minimum. If the value of the second derivative at a critical point is negative, the point is a local maximum.

7. Step 4: Use the first derivative test or the second derivative test to determine the type of critical points that may be present.

8. a.  $f(x) = x^4 + 4x^3$

(i)  $f'(x) = 4x^3 + 12x^2$

$f''(x) = 12x^2 + 24x$

For possible points of inflection, solve  $f''(x) = 0$ :

$$12x^2 + 24x = 0$$

$$12x(x + 2) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = -2.$$

Interval	$x < -2$	$x = -2$	$-2 < x < 0$	$x = 0$	$x > 0$
$f''(x)$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $f(x)$	Concave Up	Point of Inflection	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up

The points of inflection are  $(-2, -16)$  and  $(0, 0)$ .

- (ii) If  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ .

For critical points, we solve  $f'(x) = 0$ :

$$4x^3 + 12x^2 = 0$$

$$4x^2(x + 3) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = -3.$$

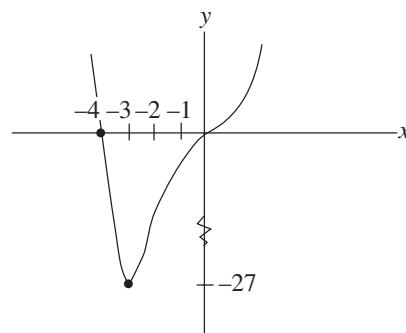
Interval	$x < -3$	$x = -3$	$-3 < x < 0$	$x = 0$	$x > 0$
$f'(x)$	$< 0$	$0$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $f(x)$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing		Increasing

If  $y = 0$ ,  $x^4 + 4x^3 = 0$

$$x^3(x + 4) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = -4.$$

The  $x$ -intercepts are 0 and  $-4$ .



b.  $y = x - \ln x$

(i)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$

Since  $x > 0$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$  for all  $x$ . The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is concave up throughout the domain.

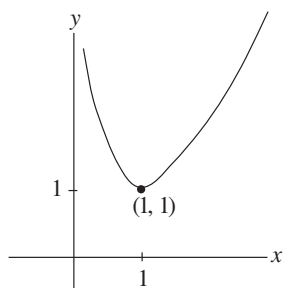
(ii) There are no  $x$ - or  $y$ -intercepts ( $x > \ln x$  for all  $x > 0$ ).

For critical points, we solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ :

$1 - \frac{1}{x} = 0$

$x = 1.$

Interval	$0 < x < 1$	$x = 1$	$x > 1$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y = f(x)$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing



c.  $y = e^x + e^{-x}$

(i)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x - e^{-x}$

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = e^x + e^{-x} > 0$ , since  $e^x > 0$  and  $e^{-x} > 0$  for all  $x$ .

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is always concave up.

(ii) For critical points, we solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ :

$e^x - e^{-x} = 0$

$e^x = \frac{1}{e^x}$

$(e^x)^2 = 1$

$e^x = 1$ , since  $e^x > 0$

$x = 0.$

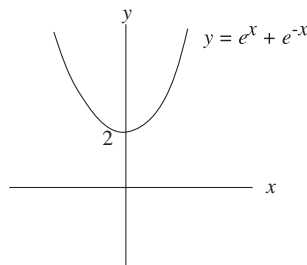
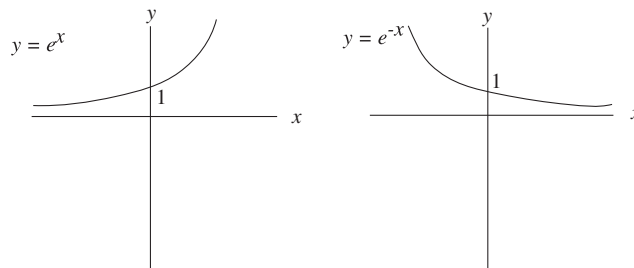
There are no  $x$ -intercepts ( $e^x + e^{-x} > 0$  for all  $x$ ).

The  $y$ -intercept is  $1 + 1 = 2$ .

Interval	$x < 0$	$x = 0$	$x > 0$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y = f(x)$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (e^x + e^{-x}) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^x + e^{-x}) = \infty$



d.  $g(w) = \frac{4w^2 - 3}{w^3}$   
 $= \frac{4}{w} - \frac{3}{w^3}, w \neq 0$

(i)  $g'(w) = -\frac{4}{w^2} + \frac{9}{w^4}$   
 $= \frac{9 - 4w^2}{w^4}$

$g''(w) = \frac{8}{w^3} - \frac{36}{w^5}$   
 $= \frac{8w^2 - 36}{w^5}$

For possible points of inflection, we solve

$g''(w) = 0$ :

$8w^2 - 36 = 0$ , since  $w^5 \neq 0$

$w^2 = \frac{9}{2}$

$w = \pm \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}.$



Interval	$w < -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$	$w = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} < w < 0$	$0 < w < \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$	$w = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$	$w > \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$
$g'(w)$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $g(w)$	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up

The points of inflection are  $\left(-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{8\sqrt{2}}{9}\right)$

and  $\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{9}\right)$ .

(ii) There is no  $y$ -intercept.

The  $x$ -intercept is  $\pm \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

For critical values, we solve  $g'(w) = 0$ :

$9 - 4w^2 = 0$  since  $w^4 \neq 0$

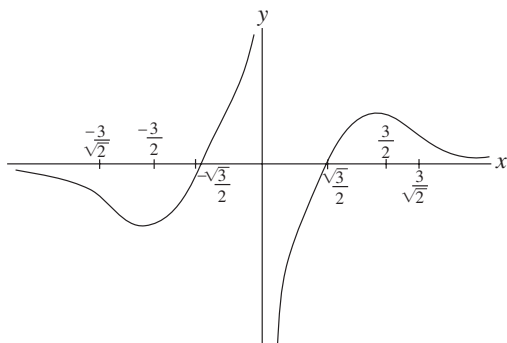
$$w = \pm \frac{3}{2}.$$

Interval	$w < -\frac{3}{2}$	$w = -\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2} < w < 0$	$0 < w < \frac{3}{2}$	$w = \frac{3}{2}$	$w > \frac{3}{2}$
$g'(w)$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$
Graph of $g(w)$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{4w^2 - 3}{w^3} = \infty, \lim_{w \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{4w^2 - 3}{w^3} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\frac{4}{w} - \frac{3}{w^3}\right) = 0, \lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{4}{w} - \frac{3}{w^3}\right) = 0$$

Thus,  $y = 0$  is a horizontal asymptote and  $x = 0$  is a vertical asymptote.



9. The graph is increasing when  $x < 2$  and when  $2 < x < 5$ .

The graph is decreasing when  $x > 5$ .

The graph has a local maximum at  $x = 5$ .

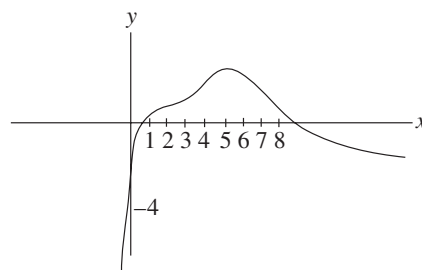
The graph has a horizontal tangent line at  $x = 2$ .

The graph is concave down when  $x < 2$  and when  $4 < x < 7$ .

The graph is concave up when  $2 < x < 4$  and when  $x > 7$ .

The graph has points of inflection at  $x = 2$ ,  $x = 4$ , and  $x = 7$ .

The  $y$ -intercept of the graph is  $-4$ .



10.  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + c$

$$f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx$$

$$f''(x) = 6ax + 2b$$

Since  $(2, 11)$  is a relative extremum,  $f(2) = 12a + 4b = 0$ .

Since  $(1, 5)$  is an inflection point,  $f''(1) = 6a + 2b = 0$ .

Since the points are on the graph,

$$a + b + c = 5 \text{ and}$$

$$8a + 4b + c = 11$$

$$7a + 3b = 6$$

$$9a + 3b = 0$$

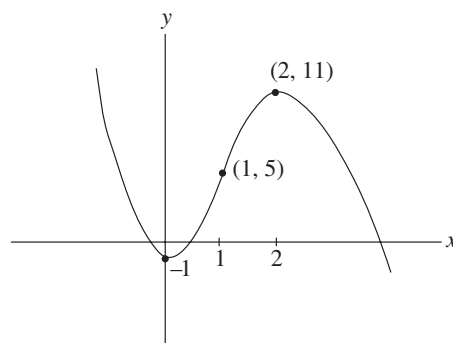
$$2a = -6$$

$$a = -3$$

$$b = 9$$

$$c = -1.$$

Thus,  $f(x) = -3x^3 + 9x^2 - 1$ .



11.  $f(x) = (x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + bx^{-1}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - bx^{-2}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4}(x+1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 2bx^{-3}$$

Since the graph of  $y = f(x)$  has a point of inflection at  $x = 3$ :

$$-\frac{1}{4}(4)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{2b}{27} = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{32} + \frac{2b}{27} = 0$$

$$b = \frac{27}{64}.$$

12.  $f(x) = ax^4 + bx^3$

$$f'(x) = 4ax^3 + 3bx^2$$

$$f''(x) = 12ax^2 + 6bx$$

For possible points of inflection, we solve  $f''(x) = 0$ :

$$12ax^2 + 6bx = 0$$

$$6x(2ax + b) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = -\frac{b}{2a}.$$

The graph of  $y = f''(x)$  is a parabola with  $x$ -intercepts

$$0 \text{ and } -\frac{b}{2a}.$$

We know the values of  $f''(x)$  have opposite signs when passing through a root. Thus, at  $x = 0$  and at

$x = -\frac{b}{2a}$ , the concavity changes as the graph goes

through these points. Thus,  $f(x)$  has points of

inflection at  $x = 0$  and  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$ .

To find the  $x$ -intercepts, we solve  $f(x) = 0$

$$x^3(ax + b) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = -\frac{b}{a}.$$

The point midway between the  $x$ -intercepts has

$$x\text{-coordinate } -\frac{b}{2a}.$$

The points of inflection are  $(0, 0)$  and

$$\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, -\frac{b^4}{16a^3}\right).$$

13. a.  $y = \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x}{x^2 - 4} = x - 2 + \frac{8x - 8}{x^2 - 4}$  (by division

of polynomials). The graph has discontinuities at  $x = \pm 2$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \left( x - 2 + \frac{8x - 8}{x^2 - 4} \right) = -\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \left( x - 2 + \frac{8x - 8}{x^2 - 4} \right) = \infty \end{array} \right\} = -2 \text{ is a vertical asymptote.}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \left( x - 2 + \frac{8x - 8}{x^2 - 4} \right) = -\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \left( x - 2 + \frac{8x - 8}{x^2 - 4} \right) = \infty \end{array} \right\} = 2 \text{ is a vertical asymptote.}$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ .

$$\text{Also, } y = \frac{x(x^2 - 2x + 4)}{x^2 - 4} = \frac{x[(x-1)^2 + 3]}{x^2 - 4}.$$

Since  $(x-1)^2 + 3 > 0$ , the only  $x$ -intercept is  $x = 0$ .

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8x - 8}{x^2 - 4} = 0$ , the curve approaches the

value  $x - 2$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . This suggests that the line

$y = x - 2$  is an oblique asymptote. It is verified by

the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [x - 2 - f(x)] = 0$ . Similarly, the

curve approaches  $y = x - 2$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \frac{8(x^2 - 4) - 8(x-1)(2x)}{(x^2 - 4)^2}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{8(x^2 - 2x + 4)}{(x^2 - 4)^2}$$

We solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  to find critical values:

$$8x^2 - 16x + 32 = x^4 - 8x^2 + 16$$

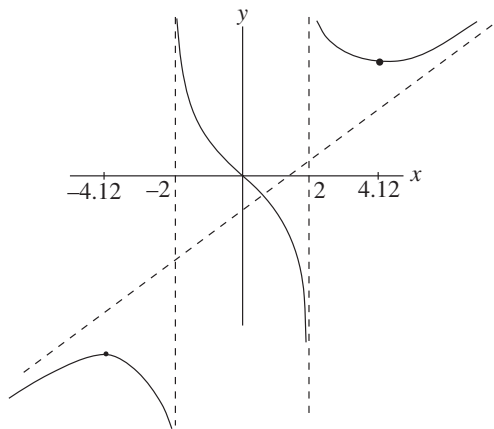
$$x^4 - 16x^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 8 + 4\sqrt{5} \quad (8 - 4\sqrt{5} \text{ is inadmissible})$$

$$x = \pm 4.12.$$

Interval	$x < -4.12$	$x = -4.12$	$-4.12 < x < 2$	$-2 < x < 2$	$2 < x < 4.12$	$x = 4.12$	$x > 4.12$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$< 0$	$< 0$	$0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y$	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Decreasing	Decreasing Min	Local	Increasing

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} y = \infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y = -\infty$$



## Exercise 9.5

1. a.  $y = x^3 - 9x^2 + 15x + 30$

We know the general shape of a cubic polynomial with leading coefficient positive. The local extrema will help refine the graph.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 18x + 15$$

Set  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  to find the critical values:

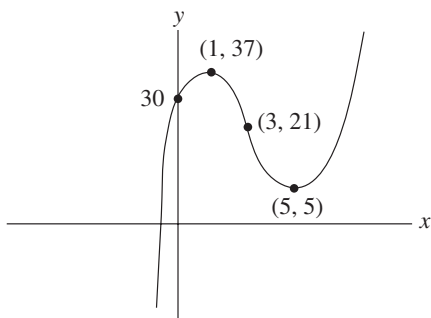
$$3x^2 - 18x + 15 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 5 = 0$$

$$(x - 1)(x - 5) = 0$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = 5.$$

The local extrema are (1, 37) and (5, 5).



b.  $f(x) = 4x^3 + 18x^2 + 3$

The graph is that of a cubic polynomial with leading coefficient negative. The local extrema will help refine the graph.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12x^2 + 36x$$

To find the critical values, we solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ :

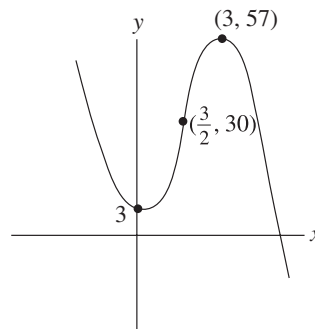
$$-12x(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 3.$$

The local extrema are (0, 3) and (3, 57).

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -24x + 36$$

The point of inflection is  $\left(\frac{3}{2}, 30\right)$ .

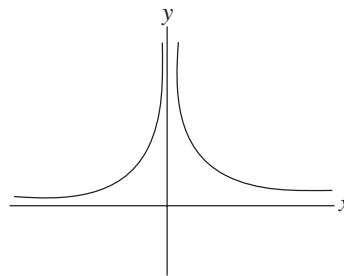


c.  $y = 3 + \frac{1}{(x + 2)^2}$

We observe that  $y = 3 + \frac{1}{(x + 2)^2}$  is just a

translation of  $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$ .

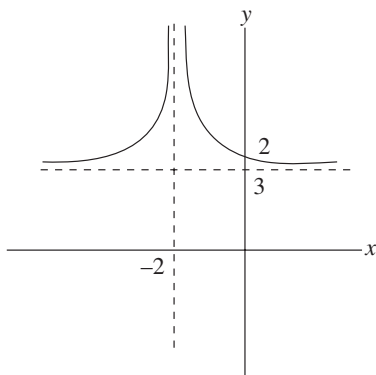
The graph of  $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$  is



The reference point (0, 0) for  $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$  becomes the point (-2, 3) for  $y = 3 + \frac{1}{(x + 2)^2}$ . The vertical asymptote is  $x = -2$ , and the horizontal asymptote is  $y = 3$ .

$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2}{(x+2)^3}$ , hence there are no critical points.

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{6}{(x+2)^4} > 0$ , hence the graph is always concave up.



d.  $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 - 8x^2 + 48x$

We know the general shape of a fourth degree polynomial with leading coefficient positive. The local extrema will help refine the graph.

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 - 16x + 48$$

For critical values, we solve  $f'(x) = 0$

$$x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 12 = 0.$$

Since  $f'(2) = 0$ ,  $x - 2$  is a factor of  $f'(x)$ .

The equation factors are  $(x - 2)(x - 3)(x + 2) = 0$ .

The critical values are  $x = -2, 2, 3$ .

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 - 24x - 16$$

Since  $f''(-2) = 80 > 0$ ,  $(-2, -80)$  is a local minimum.

Since  $f''(2) = -16 < 0$ ,  $(2, 48)$  is a local maximum.

Since  $f''(3) = 20 > 0$ ,  $(3, 45)$  is a local minimum.

The graph has  $x$ -intercepts 0 and  $-3.2$ .

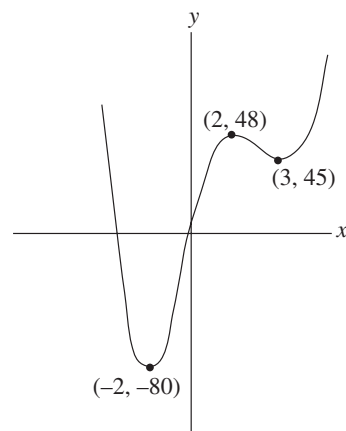
The points of inflection can be found by solving

$$f''(x) = 0:$$

$$3x^2 - 6x - 4 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{84}}{6}$$

$$x \doteq -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{5}{2}.$$



e.  $y = \frac{2x}{x^2 - 25}$

There are discontinuities at  $x = -5$  and  $x = 5$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 - 25} \right) = -\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 - 25} \right) = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 - 25} \right) = -\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 - 25} \right) = \infty$$

$x = -5$  and  $x = 5$  are vertical asymptotes.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2(x^2 - 25) - 2x(2x)}{(x^2 - 25)^2} = -\frac{2x^2 + 50}{(x^2 - 25)^2} < 0 \text{ for}$$

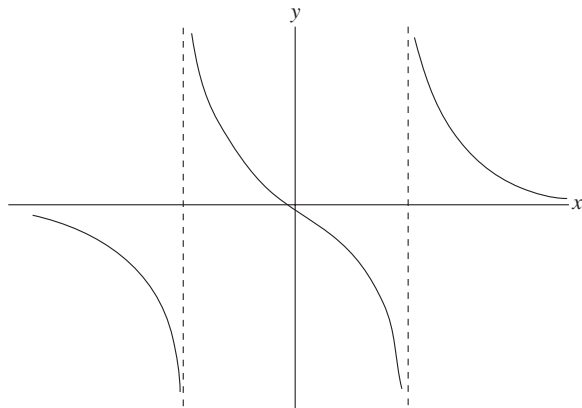
all  $x$  in the domain. The graph is decreasing throughout the domain.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 - 25} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{2}{x}}{1 - \frac{25}{x^2}} \right) \\ &= 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{\frac{2}{x}}{1 - \frac{25}{x^2}} \right) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} y = 0 \text{ is a horizontal asymptote.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= -\frac{4x(x^2 - 25)^2 - (2x^2 + 50)(2)(x^2 - 25)(2x)}{(x^2 - 25)^4} \\ &= \frac{4x^3 + 300x}{(x^2 - 25)^3} = \frac{4x(x^2 + 75)}{(x^2 - 25)^3} \end{aligned}$$

There is a possible point of inflection at  $x = 0$ .

Interval	$x < -5$	$-5 < x < 0$	$x = 0$	$0 < x < 5$	$x > 5$
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$	$< 0$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y$	Concave Down	Concave Up	Point of Inflection	Concave Down	Concave Up



f.  $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}$

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is always above the  $x$ -axis. The

$y$ -intercept is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \doteq 0.4$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} (-x)$$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  when  $x = 0$ . Thus,  $(0, 0.4)$  is a critical point.

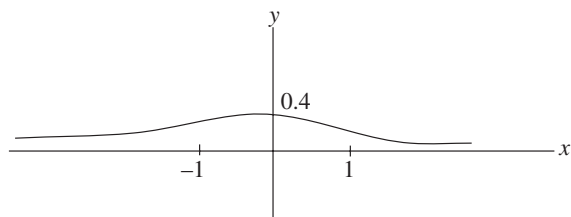
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left( e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} (-x)(-x) + e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} (-1) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} (x^2 - 1) \end{aligned}$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0$ . Thus,  $(0, 0.4)$  is a local

maximum. Possible points of inflection occur when  $x^2 - 1 = 0$  or  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ .

Interval	$x < -1$	$x = -1$	$-1 < x < 1$	$x = 1$	$x > 1$
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y$	Concave Up	Point of Inflection	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \right) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \right) = 0$$



g.  $y = \frac{6x^2 - 2}{x^3}$   
 $= \frac{6}{x} - \frac{2}{x^3}$

There is a discontinuity at  $x = 0$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{6x^2 - 2}{x^3} = \infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{6x^2 - 2}{x^3} = -\infty$$

The  $y$ -axis is a vertical asymptote. There is no

$y$ -intercept. The  $x$ -intercept is  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{6}{x^2} + \frac{6}{x^4} = \frac{-6x^2 + 6}{x^4}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ when } 6x^2 = 6$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

Interval	$x < -1$	$x = -1$	$-1 < x < 0$	$0 < x < 1$	$x = 1$	$x > 1$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$
Graph of $y = f(x)$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing

There is a local minimum at  $(-1, -4)$  and a local maximum at  $(1, 4)$ .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{12}{x^3} - \frac{24}{x^5} = \frac{12x^2 - 24}{x^5}$$

For possible points of inflection, we solve  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$  ( $x^5 \neq 0$ ):

$$12x^2 = 24$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{2}.$$

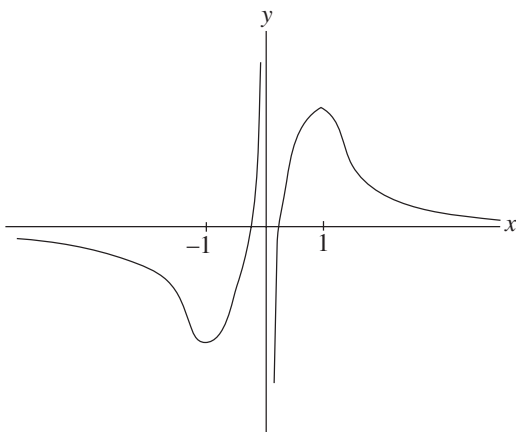
Interval	$x < -\sqrt{2}$	$x = -\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2} < x < 0$	$0 < x < \sqrt{2}$	$x = \sqrt{2}$	$x > \sqrt{2}$
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y = f(x)$	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up

There are points of inflection at  $(-\sqrt{2}, -\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}})$  and  $(\sqrt{2}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}})$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6x^2 - 2}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{6}{x} - \frac{2}{x^3}}{1} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{6}{x} - \frac{2}{x^3}}{1} = 0$$

The  $x$ -axis is a horizontal asymptote.



**h.**  $s = \frac{50}{1 + 5e^{-0.01t}}, t \geq 0$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $s = \frac{50}{6}$ .

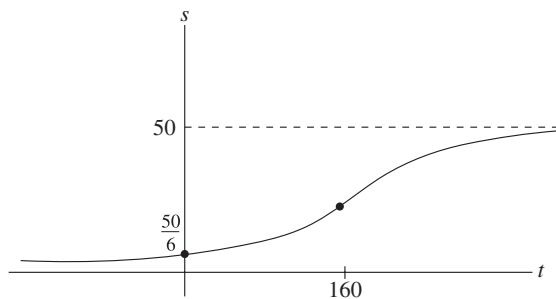
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{ds}{dt} &= 50(-1)(1 + 5e^{-0.01t})^{-2} (5e^{-0.01t})(-0.01) \\ &= \frac{2.5e^{-0.01t}}{(1 + 5e^{-0.01t})^2} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{ds}{dt} > 0$  for all  $t$ ,  $s$  is always increasing.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{50}{1 + 5e^{-0.01t}} \right) = 50$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{50}{1 + 5e^{-0.01t}} \right) = 0$$

Thus,  $s = 50$  is a horizontal asymptote for large values of  $t$ , and  $s = 0$  is a horizontal asymptote for large negative values of  $t$ . It can be shown that there is a point of inflection at  $t \doteq 160$ .



**i.**  $y = \frac{x+3}{x^2-4}$

There are discontinuities at  $x = -2$  and at  $x = 2$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \left( \frac{x+3}{x^2-4} \right) = \infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \left( \frac{x+3}{x^2-4} \right) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \left( \frac{x+3}{x^2-4} \right) = -\infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \left( \frac{x+3}{x^2-4} \right) = \infty$$

There are vertical asymptotes at  $x = -2$  and  $x = 2$ .

When  $x = 0$ ,  $y = -\frac{3}{4}$ . The  $x$ -intercept is  $-3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(1)(x^2-4) - (x+3)(2x)}{(x^2-4)^2} \\ &= \frac{-x^2 - 6x - 4}{(x^2-4)^2} \end{aligned}$$

For critical values, we solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ :

$$x^2 + 6x + 4 = 0$$

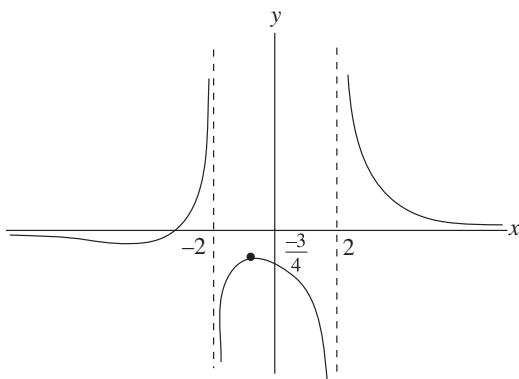
$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36-16}}{2} \\ &= -3 \pm \sqrt{5} \\ &\doteq -5.2 \text{ or } -0.8. \end{aligned}$$

Interval	$x < -5.2$	$x = -5.2$	$-5.2 < x < -2$	$-2 < x < -0.8$	$x = -0.8$	$-0.8 < x < 2$	$x > 2$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$< 0$
Graph of $y$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Decreasing

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{4}{x^2}} \right) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{4}{x^2}} \right) = 0$$

The  $x$ -axis is a horizontal asymptote.



j.  $y = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 6}{x - 1}$

$$= x - 2 + \frac{4}{x - 1}$$

$$x - 1 \overline{) x^2 - 3x + 6}$$

$$\underline{x^2 - x}$$

$$-2x + 6$$

$$\underline{-2x + 2}$$

$$4$$

There is a discontinuity at  $x = 1$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \left( \frac{x^2 - 3x + 6}{x - 1} \right) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \left( \frac{x^2 - 3x + 6}{x - 1} \right) = \infty$$

Thus,  $x = 1$  is a vertical asymptote.

The  $y$ -intercept is  $-6$ .

There are no  $x$ -intercepts ( $x^2 - 3x + 6 > 0$  for all  $x$  in the domain).

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \frac{4}{(x - 1)^2}$$

For critical values, we solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ :

$$1 - \frac{4}{(x - 1)^2} = 0$$

$$(x - 1)^2 = 4$$

$$x - 1 = \pm 2$$

$$x = -1 \text{ or } x = 3.$$

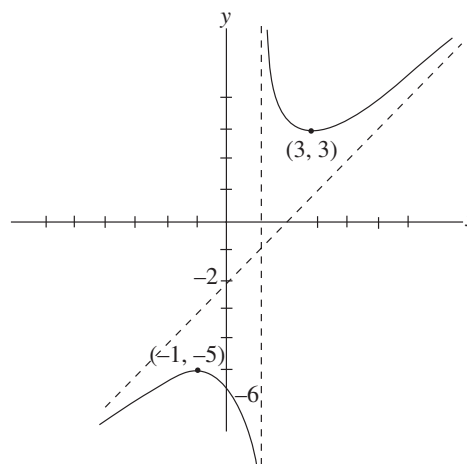
Interval	$x < -1$	$x = -1$	$-1 < x < 1$	$1 < x < 3$	$x = 3$	$x > 3$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y$	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{8}{(x - 1)^3}$$

For  $x < 1$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0$  and  $y$  is always concave down.

For  $x > 1$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$  and  $y$  is always concave up.

The line  $y = x - 2$  is an oblique asymptote.



k.  $c = te^{-t} + 5$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $c = 5$ .

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = e^{-t} - te^{-t} = e^{-t}(1 - t)$$

Since  $e^{-t} - te^{-t} = e^{-t}(1 - t)$

Since  $e^{-t} > 0$ , the only value for which

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = 0 \text{ is } t = 1.$$

Interval	$t < 1$	$t = 1$	$t > 1$
$\frac{dc}{dt}$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$
Graph of $c$	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing

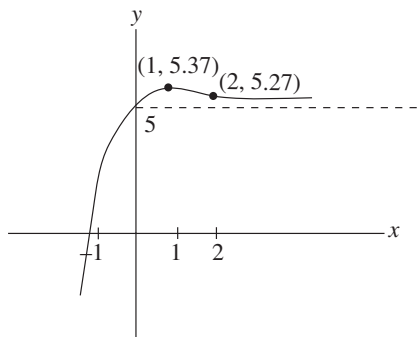
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (te^{-t} + t) = 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (te^{-t} + t) = -\infty$$

$$\frac{d^2c}{dt^2} = -e^{-t} - e^{-t} + te^{-t} = e^{-t}(t - 2)$$

$$\frac{d^2c}{dt^2} = 0 \text{ when } t = 2$$

Interval	$t < 2$	$t = 2$	$t > 2$
$\frac{d^2c}{dt^2}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $c$	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up



1.  $y = x(\ln x)^3, x > 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (\ln x)^3 + x(3)(\ln x)^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = (\ln x)^2(\ln x + 3)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ when } \ln x = 0 \text{ or } \ln x = -3$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = e^{-3} \doteq 0.05$$

Interval	$0 < x < 0.05$	$x = 0.05$	$0.05 < x < 1$	$x = 1$	$x > 1$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Stationary Point	Increasing

There is no y-intercept. The x-intercept is 1.

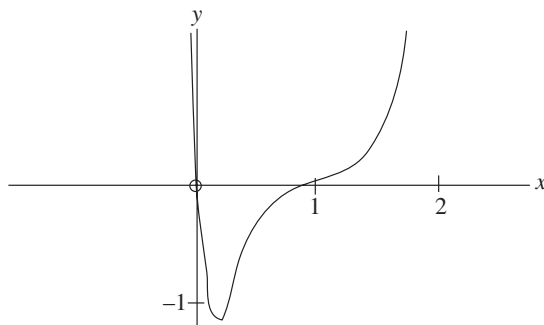
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 3(\ln x)^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 6(\ln x) \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 3 \frac{\ln x}{x} (\ln x + 2)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \text{ when } \ln x = 0 \text{ or } \ln x = -2$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = e^{-2} \doteq 0.14$$

Interval	$0 < x < 0.14$	$x = 0.14$	$0.14 < x < 1$	$x = 1$	$x > 1$
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y$	Concave Up	Point of Inflection	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [x(\ln x)^3] = \infty$$



2.  $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

Since (0, 0) is on the curve  $d = 0$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$$

$$\text{At } x = 2, \frac{dy}{dx} = 0.$$

$$\text{Thus, } 12a + 4b + c = 0.$$



Since  $(2, 4)$  is on the curve,  $8a + 4b + 2c = 4$  or  $4a + 2b + c = 2$ .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6ax + 2b$$

Since  $(0, 0)$  is a point of inflection,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$  when  $x = 0$ .

Thus,  $2b = 0$

$$b = 0.$$

Solving for  $a$  and  $c$ :

$$12a + c = 0$$

$$4a + c = 2$$

$$8a = -2$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$c = 3.$$

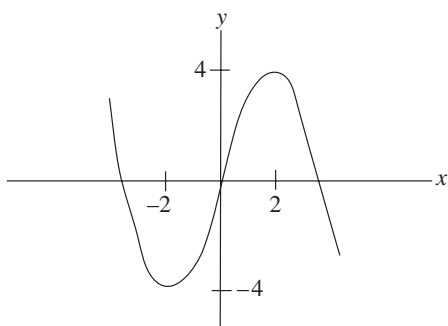
The cubic polynomial is  $y = -\frac{1}{4}x^3 + 3x$ .

The  $y$ -intercept is 0. The  $x$ -intercepts are found by setting  $y = 0$ :

$$-\frac{1}{4}x(x^2 - 12) = 0$$

$$x = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad x = \pm 2\sqrt{3}.$$

Let  $y = f(x)$ . Since  $f(-x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^3 - 3x = -f(x)$ ,  $f(x)$  is an odd function. The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is symmetric when reflected in the origin.



3.  $g(x) = \frac{8e^x}{e^{2x} + 4}$

There are no discontinuities. The graph is always above the  $x$ -axis. The  $y$ -intercept is  $\frac{8}{5}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= \frac{8e^x(e^{2x} + 4) - 8e^x(e^{2x})2}{(e^{2x} + 4)^2} \\ &= \frac{8e^x(4 - e^{2x})}{(e^{2x} + 4)^2} \end{aligned}$$

The only critical values occur when  $4 - e^{2x} = 0$

$$e^{2x} = 4$$

$$2x = \ln 4$$

$$x = \ln \frac{4}{2}$$

$$= \ln 2.$$

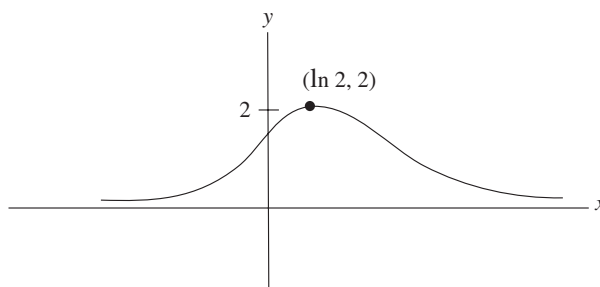
For  $x < \ln 2$ ,  $g'(x) > 0$

For  $x > \ln 2$ ,  $g'(x) < 0$

Thus,  $(\ln 2, 2)$  is a local maximum point.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{8e^x}{e^{2x} + 4} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{8}{e^x + \frac{4}{e^x}} \right) = 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{8e^x}{e^{2x} + 4} \right) &= \frac{0}{0 + 4} = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Hence, the } x\text{-axis is a horizontal asymptote.}$$

It is very cumbersome to evaluate  $g''(x)$ . Since there is a horizontal tangent line at the local maximum  $(\ln 2, 2)$  and the  $x$ -axis is a horizontal asymptote, it is reasonable to conclude that there are two points of inflection. (It can be shown to be true.)



4.  $y = e^x + \frac{1}{x}$

There is a discontinuity at  $x = 0$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left( e^x + \frac{1}{x} \right) = -\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{e^x + 1}{x} \right) = \infty$$

Thus, the  $y$ -axis is a vertical asymptote.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x - \frac{1}{x^2}$$

To find the critical values, we solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ :

$$e^x - \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

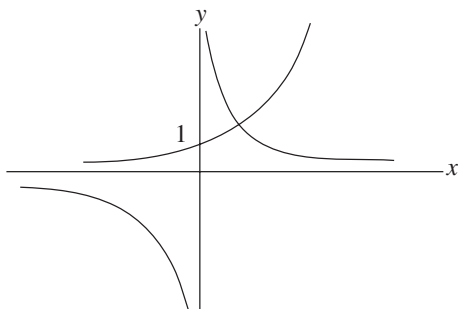
This equation does not have a simple analytic

solution. Solving  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$  is even more cumbersome.

We use a different approach to sketch  $y = e^x + \frac{1}{x}$ .

We use the method of adding functions. The given

function is the sum of  $y_1 = e^x$  and  $y_2 = \frac{1}{x}$ .



For  $x > 0$ , the sum of the two functions is always positive. The resulting graph will be in the first

quadrant. The graph of  $y_2 = \frac{1}{x}$  dominates for values

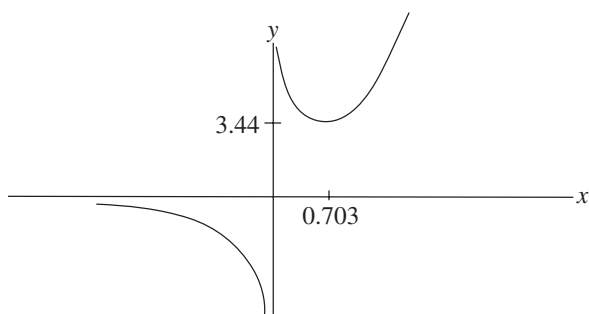
near 0, and the graph of  $y_1 = e^x$  dominates for large values of  $x$ . It appears that this branch of the graph will have a relative minimum value. (A calculator

solution of  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  verifies a relative minimum at

$x \doteq 0.703$ .)

For  $x < 0$ , the graph of  $y_2 = \frac{1}{x}$  dominates the sum.

There are no points of inflection.



$$5. \quad f(x) = \frac{k-x}{k^2+x^2}$$

There are no discontinuities.

The  $y$ -intercept is  $\frac{1}{k}$  and the  $x$ -intercept is  $k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{(-1)(k^2+x^2) - (k-x)(2x)}{(k^2+x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2 - 2kx - k^2}{(k^2+x^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

For critical points, we solve  $f'(x) = 0$ :

$$x^2 - 2kx - k^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2kx + k^2 = 2k^2$$

$$(x-k)^2 = 2k^2$$

$$x - k = \pm \sqrt{2}k$$

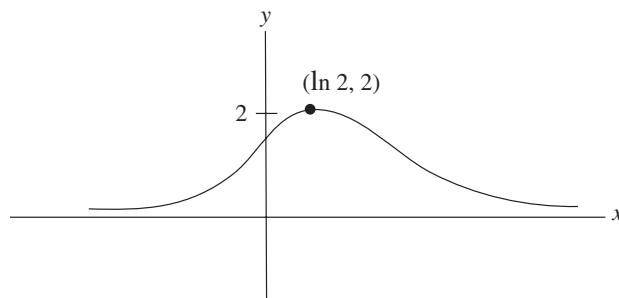
$$x = (1 + \sqrt{2})k \text{ or } x = (1 - \sqrt{2})k.$$

Interval	$x < -0.41k$	$x \doteq 0.41k$	$-0.41k < x < 2.41k$	$x \doteq 2.41k$	$x > 2.41k$
$f'(x)$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $f(x)$	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{k-x}{k^2+x^2} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{k}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{k^2}{x^2} + 1} \right) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{\frac{k}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{k^2}{x^2} + 1} \right) = 0$$

Hence, the  $x$ -axis is a horizontal asymptote.



6.  $g(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}(x+3)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

There are no discontinuities.

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{2}{3}}(x+3)^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)(x+3)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{x+3+2x}{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}(x+3)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{3(x+1)}{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}(x+3)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$= \frac{x+1}{x^{\frac{2}{3}}(x+3)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$g'(x) = 0$  when  $x = -1$ .

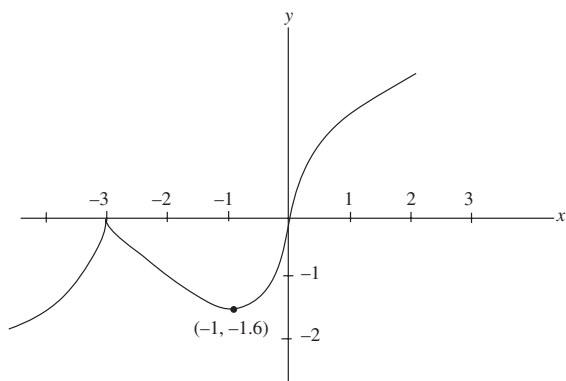
$g'(x)$  doesn't exist when  $x = 0$  or  $x = -3$ .

Interval	$x < -3$	$x = -3$	$-3 < x < -1$	$x = -1$	$-1 < x < 0$	$x = 0$	$x > 0$
$g'(x)$	$> 0$	Does Not Exist	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	Does Not Exist	$> 0$
Graph of $g(x)$	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing		Increasing

There is a local maximum at  $(-3, 0)$  and a local minimum at  $(-1, -1.6)$ . The second derivative is algebraically complicated to find. It can be verified that

$$g''(x) = \frac{-2}{x^{\frac{5}{3}}(x+3)^{\frac{2}{3}}}.$$

Interval	$x < -3$	$x = -3$	$-3 < x < 0$	$x = 0$	$x > 0$
$g''(x)$	$> 0$	Does Not Exist	$> 0$	Does Not Exist	$< 0$
Graph $g(x)$	Concave Up	Cusp	Concave Up	Point of Inflection	Concave Down



7. a.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$

$$= \frac{x}{|x|\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{x^2}}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{x^2}}}, \text{ since } x > 0$$

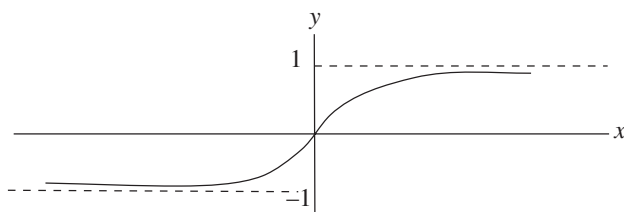
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{x^2}}} = 1$$

$y = 1$  is a horizontal asymptote to the right hand branch of the graph.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{-x\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{x^2}}}, \text{ since } |x| = -x \text{ for } x < 0$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{-\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{x^2}}} = -1$$

$y = -1$  is a horizontal asymptote to the left hand branch of the graph.



b.  $g(t) = \sqrt{t^2 + 4t} - \sqrt{t^2 + t}$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{t^2 + 4t} - \sqrt{t^2 + t})(\sqrt{t^2 + 4t} + \sqrt{t^2 + t})}{\sqrt{t^2 + 4t} + \sqrt{t^2 + t}}$$

$$= \frac{3t}{\sqrt{t^2 + 4t} + \sqrt{t^2 + t}}$$

$$= \frac{3t}{|t|\sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{t}} + |t|\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{t}}}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t) = \frac{3}{1+1} = \frac{3}{2}, \text{ since } |t| = t \text{ for } t > 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} g(t) = \frac{3}{-1-1} = -\frac{3}{2}, \text{ since } |t| = -t \text{ for } t < 0$$

$$y = \frac{3}{2} \text{ and } y = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ are horizontal asymptotes.}$$

8.  $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6ax + 2b = 6a\left(x + \frac{b}{3a}\right)$$

For possible points of inflection, we solve  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$ :

$$x = -\frac{b}{3a}.$$

The sign of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  changes as  $x$  goes from values less

than  $-\frac{b}{3a}$  to values greater than  $-\frac{b}{3a}$ . Thus, there is a point

of inflection at  $x = -\frac{b}{3a}$ .

$$\text{At } x = -\frac{b}{3a}, \frac{dy}{dx} = 3a\left(-\frac{b}{3a}\right)^2 + 2b\left(-\frac{b}{3a}\right) + c = c - \frac{b^2}{3a}.$$

## Review Exercise

1. a.  $y = e^{nx}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = ne^{nx}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = n^2e^{nx}$$

b.  $f(x) = \ln(x+4)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln(x+4)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x+4} = \frac{1}{2(x+4)}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(x+4)^2} = -\frac{1}{2(x+4)^2}$$

c.  $s = \frac{e^t - 1}{e^t + 1}$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{e^t(e^t + 1) - (e^t - 1)(e^t)}{(e^t + 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2e^t}{(e^t + 1)^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = \frac{2e^t(e^t + 1)^2 - 2e^t(2)(e^t + 1)(e^t)}{(e^t + 1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{2e^{2t} + 2e^t - 4e^{2t}}{(e^t + 1)^3}$$

$$= \frac{2e^t(1 - e^t)}{(e^t + 1)^3}$$

d.  $g(t) = \ln(t + \sqrt{1+t^2})$

$$g'(t) = \frac{1}{t + \sqrt{1+t^2}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\left(1+t^2\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2t)\right)$$

$$= \frac{1 + \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}}{t + \sqrt{1+t^2}}$$

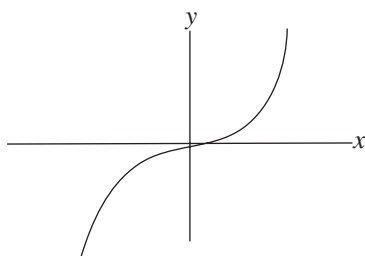
$$= \frac{\frac{\sqrt{1+t^2} + t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}}{t + \sqrt{1+t^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}$$

$$g''(t) = -\frac{1}{2}(1+t^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}(2t)$$

$$= \frac{-t}{(1+t^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

3. No. A counter example is sufficient to justify the conclusion. The function  $f(x) = x^3$  is always increasing yet the graph is concave down for  $x < 0$  and concave up for  $x > 0$ .



4. a.  $f(x) = -2x^3 + 9x^2 + 20$

$$f'(x) = -6x^2 + 18x$$

For critical values, we solve:

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$-6x(x-3) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 3.$$

$$f''(x) = -12x + 18$$

Since  $f''(0) = 18 > 0$ ,  $(0, 20)$  is a local minimum point. The tangent to the graph of  $f(x)$  is horizontal at  $(0, 20)$ . Since  $f''(3) = -18 < 0$ ,  $(3, 47)$  is a local maximum point. The tangent to the graph of  $f(x)$  is horizontal at  $(3, 47)$ .

b.  $g(t) = \frac{e^{-2t}}{t^2}$

$$g(t) = e^{-2t}t^{-2}, t \neq 0$$

$$g'(t) = -2e^{-2t}t^{-2} + e^{-2t}(-2t^{-3})$$

$$= -\frac{2e^{-2t}(t+1)}{t^3}$$

Since  $e^{-2t} > 0$  for all  $t$ , and  $g(t)$  has a discontinuity at  $t = 0$ , the only critical value is  $t = -1$ .

Interval	$t < -1$	$t = -1$	$-1 < t < 0$	$t > 0$
$g'(t)$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$< 0$
Graph of $g(t)$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Decreasing

There is a local minimum at  $(-1, e^2)$ . The tangent line at  $(-1, e^2)$  is parallel to the  $x$ -axis.

c.  $h(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2+7}$

$$h'(x) = \frac{(1)(x^2+7) - (x-3)(2x)}{(x^2+7)^2}$$

$$= \frac{7+6x-x^2}{(x^2+7)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(7-x)(1+x)}{(x^2+7)^2}$$

Since  $x^2 + 7 > 0$  for all  $x$ , the only critical values occur when  $h'(x) = 0$ . The critical values are  $x = 7$  and  $x = -1$ .

Interval	$x < -1$	$x = -1$	$-1 < x < 7$	$x = 7$	$x > 7$
$h'(x)$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$
Graph of $h(t)$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing

There is a local minimum at  $(-1, -\frac{1}{2})$  and a local maximum at  $(7, \frac{1}{14})$ . At both points, the tangents are parallel to the  $x$ -axis.

d.  $k(x) = \ln(x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x)$

The domain of  $k(x)$  is the set of all  $x$  such that  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x > 0$ .

$$\text{Let } g(x) = x^2 - 3x^2 - 9x.$$

The  $x$ -intercepts of the graph of  $g(x)$  are found by solving  $g(x) = 0$ :

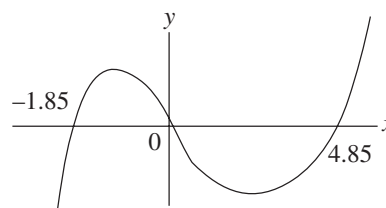
$$x(x^2 - 3x - 9) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9+36}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \pm 3\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$= 4.85 \text{ or } -1.85.$$

The graph of  $y = g(x)$  is



Thus, the domain of  $k(x)$  is  $-1.85 < x < 0$  or  $x > 4.85$ .

$$k'(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 6x - 9}{x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x}.$$

Since the denominator  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x > 0$ , the only critical values of  $k(x)$  result from

$$3x^2 - 6x - 9 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$$

$$(x - 3)(x + 1) = 0$$

$x = -1$  or  $x = 3$  (this value is not in the domain).

Interval	$-1.85 < x < -1$	$x = -1$	$-1 < x < 0$	$x > 4.85$
$k'(x)$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $k(x)$	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Increasing

Thus,  $(-1, \ln 5)$  is a local maximum. The tangent line is parallel to the  $x$ -axis at  $(-1, \ln 5)$ .

6. a.  $y = \frac{2x}{x-3}$

There is a discontinuity at  $x = 3$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \left( \frac{2x}{x-3} \right) = -\infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \left( \frac{2x}{x-3} \right) = \infty$$

Therefore,  $x = 3$  is a vertical asymptote.

b.  $g(x) = \frac{x-5}{x+5}$

There is a discontinuity at  $x = -5$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} \left( \frac{x-5}{x+5} \right) = \infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} \left( \frac{x-5}{x+5} \right) = -\infty$$

Therefore,  $x = -5$  is a vertical asymptote.

c.  $s = \frac{s}{2e^x - 8}$

There is a discontinuity when  $2e^x - 8 = 0$  or  $x = \ln 4$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \ln 4^-} \left( \frac{5}{2e^x - 8} \right) = -\infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow \ln 4^+} \left( \frac{5}{2e^x - 8} \right) = \infty$$

Therefore,  $x = \ln 4$  is a vertical asymptote.

d.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x - 15}{x + 3}$   

$$= \frac{(x+3)(x-5)}{x+3}$$
  

$$= x - 5, x \neq -3$$

There is a discontinuity at  $x = -3$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) = -8 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = -8$$

There is a hole in the graph of  $y = f(x)$  at  $(-3, -8)$ .

7. a.  $f(w) = \frac{\ln w^2}{w}$   

$$= (2 \ln|w|)(w^{-1})$$

$$f'(w) = \left( \frac{2}{w} \right)(w^{-1}) + (2 \ln|w|)(-w^{-2})$$

$$= 2w^{-2} - 2w^{-2} \ln|w|$$

$$f''(w) = -4w^{-3} + 4w^{-3} \ln|w| - 2w^{-2} \left( \frac{1}{w} \right)$$

$$= -6w^{-3} + 4w^{-3} \ln|w|$$

$$= \frac{4 \ln|w| - 6}{w^3}$$

For possible points of inflection, we solve  $f''(w) = 0$ .

**Note:**  $w^3 \neq 0$ .

$$4 \ln|w| = 6$$

$$w = \pm e^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Interval	$w < -e^{\frac{3}{2}}$	$w = -e^{\frac{3}{2}}$	$-e^{\frac{3}{2}} < w < 0$	$0 < w < e^{\frac{3}{2}}$	$w = e^{\frac{3}{2}}$	$w > e^{\frac{3}{2}}$
$f''(w)$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $f(w)$	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up

The points of inflection are  $\left( -e^{\frac{3}{2}}, -\frac{3}{e^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right)$   
and  $\left( e^{\frac{3}{2}}, \frac{3}{e^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right)$ .

b.  $g(t) = te^t$

$$g'(t) = e^t + te^t$$

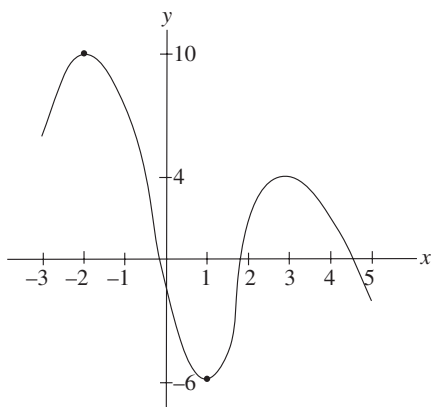
$$g''(t) = e^t + e^t + te^t = e^t(t + 2)$$

Since  $e^t > 0$ ,  $g''(t) = 0$  when  $t = -2$ .

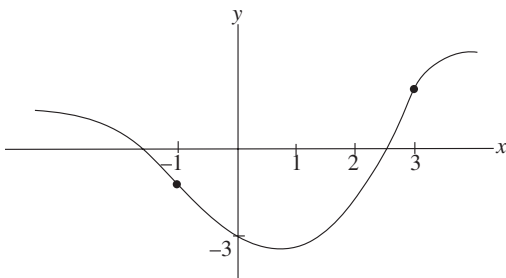
Interval	$t < -2$	$t = -2$	$t > -2$
$g''(t)$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $g(t)$	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up

There is a point of inflection at  $\left( -2, -\frac{2}{e^2} \right)$

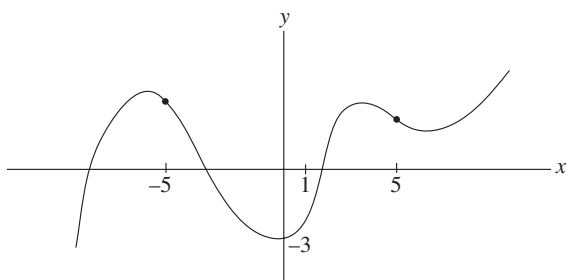
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9. c. (i)



(ii)



$$10. \text{ a. } g(x) = \frac{ax+b}{(x-1)(x-4)}$$

$$= \frac{ax+b}{x^2-5x+4}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{a(x^2-5x+4) - (ax+b)(2x-5)}{(x^2-5x+4)^2}$$

Since the tangent at  $(2, -1)$  has slope 0,  $g'(2) = 0$ .

Hence,  $\frac{-2a+2a+b}{4} = 0$  and  $b = 0$ .

Since  $(2, -1)$  is on the graph of  $g(x)$ :

$$-1 = \frac{2a+b}{-2}$$

$$2a+0=2$$

$$a=1.$$

$$\text{Therefore } g(x) = \frac{x}{(x-1)(x-4)}.$$

b. There are discontinuities at  $x = 1$  and at  $x = 4$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} g(x) = -\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} g(x) = \infty$$

$x = 1$  and  $x = 4$  are vertical asymptotes.

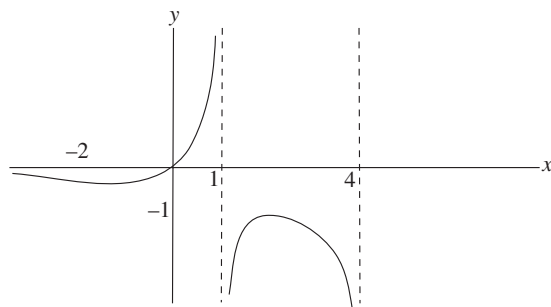
The  $y$ -intercept is 0.

$$g'(x) = \frac{4-x^2}{(x^2-5x+4)^2}$$

$$g'(x) = 0 \text{ when } x = \pm 2.$$

Interval	$x < -2$	$x = -2$	$-2 < x < 1$	$1 < x < 2$	$x = 2$	$2 < x < 4$	$x > 4$
$g'(x)$	$< 0$	0	$> 0$	$> 0$	0	$< 0$	$< 0$
Graph of $g(x)$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Decreasing

There is a local minimum at  $\left(-2, -\frac{1}{9}\right)$  and a local maximum at  $(2, -1)$ .



11. a.  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 7x + 5}{2x - 1}$

$$f(x) = x - 3 + \frac{2}{2x - 1}$$

The equation of the oblique asymptote is  $y = x - 3$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 3 \\ 2x - 1 \overline{) 2x^2 - 7x + 5} \\ \underline{2x^2 - x} \phantom{+ 5} \\ -6x + 5 \\ \underline{-6x + 3} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [y - f(x)] &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ x - 3 - \left( x - 3 + \frac{2}{2x - 1} \right) \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{2}{2x - 1} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

b.  $f(x) = \frac{4x^3 - x^2 - 15x - 50}{x^2 - 3x}$

$$f(x) = 4x + 11 + \frac{18x - 50}{x^2 - 3x}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x + 11 \\ x^2 - 3x \overline{) 4x^3 - x^2 - 15x - 50} \\ \underline{4x^3 - 12x^2} \phantom{- 50} \\ 11x^2 - 15x - 50 \\ \underline{11x^2 - 33x} \phantom{- 50} \\ 18x - 50 \end{array}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [y - f(x)]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ 4x + 11 - \left( 4x + 11 + \frac{18x - 50}{x^2 - 3x} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\frac{18}{x} - \frac{50}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{3}{x}} \right]$$

$$= 0$$

12. a.  $y = x^4 - 8x^2 + 7$

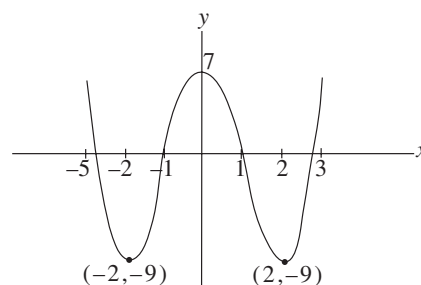
This is a fourth degree polynomial and is continuous for all  $x$ . The  $y$ -intercept is 7.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 4x^3 - 16x \\ &= 4x(x - 2)(x + 2) \end{aligned}$$

The critical values are  $x = 0, -2$ , and  $2$ .

Interval	$x < -2$	$x = -2$	$-2 < x < 0$	$x = 0$	$0 < x < 2$	$x = 2$	$x > 2$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

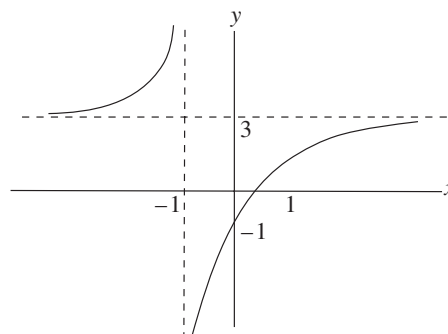
There are local minima at  $(-2, -9)$  and at  $(2, -9)$ , and a local maximum at  $(0, 7)$ .



b.  $f(x) = \frac{3x - 1}{x + 1}$

$$= 3 - \frac{4}{x + 1}$$

From experience, we know the graph of  $y = -\frac{1}{x}$  is



The graph of the given function is just a transformation of the graph of  $y = -\frac{1}{x}$ . The vertical asymptote is  $x = -1$  and the horizontal asymptote is  $y = 3$ . The  $y$ -intercept is  $-1$  and there is an  $x$ -intercept at  $\frac{1}{3}$ .



$$\text{c. } g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{4x^2 - 9}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + 1}{(2x - 3)(2x + 3)}$$

The function is discontinuous at  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$  and

at  $x = \frac{3}{2}$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{3}{2}^-} g(x) = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{3}{2}^+} g(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}^-} g(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}^+} g(x) = \infty$$

Hence,  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  $x = \frac{3}{2}$  are vertical asymptotes.

The y-intercept is  $-\frac{1}{9}$ .

$$g'(x) = \frac{2x(4x^2 - 9) - (x^2 + 1)(8x)}{(4x^2 - 9)^2} = \frac{-26x}{(4x^2 - 9)^2}$$

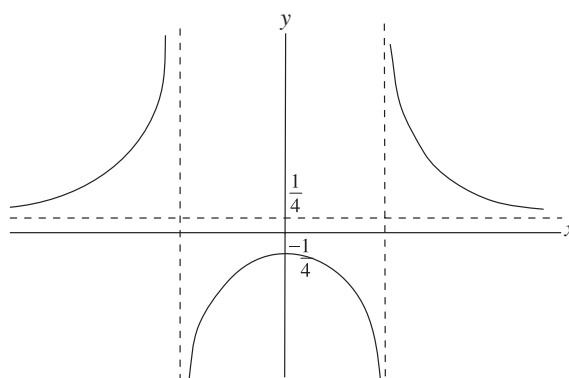
$g'(x) = 0$  when  $x = 0$ .

Interval	$x < -\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2} < x < 0$	$x = 0$	$0 < x < \frac{3}{2}$	$x > \frac{3}{2}$
$g'(x)$	$> 0$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$< 0$
Graph of $g(x)$	Increasing	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Decreasing

There is a local maximum at  $\left(0, -\frac{1}{9}\right)$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}{4 - \frac{9}{x^2}} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Hence,  $y = \frac{1}{4}$  is a horizontal asymptote.



$$\text{d. } y = 3x^2 \ln x, x > 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x \ln x + 3x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 3x(2 \ln x + 1)$$

Since  $x > 0$ , the only critical value is when

$$2 \ln x + 1 = 0$$

$$\ln x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$$

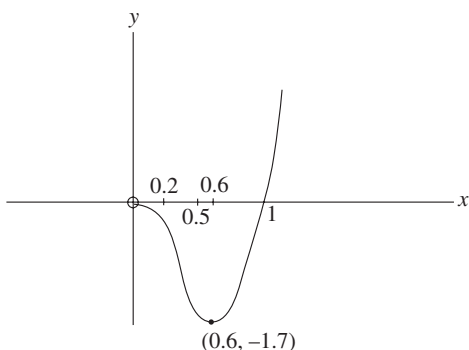
Interval	$0 < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$	$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$	$x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6 \ln x + 6x \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 3 = 6 \ln x + 9$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \text{ when } \ln x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$x = e^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

Interval	$0 < x < e^{-\frac{3}{2}}$	$x = e^{-\frac{3}{2}}$	$x > e^{-\frac{3}{2}}$
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y$	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up



$$\begin{aligned} \text{e. } h(x) &= \frac{x}{x^2 - 4x + 4} \\ &= \frac{x}{(x-2)^2} = x(x-2)^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

There is a discontinuity at  $x = 2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} h(x) = \infty = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} h(x)$$

Thus,  $x = 2$  is a vertical asymptote. The y-intercept is 0.

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= (x-2)^{-2} + x(-2)(x-2)^{-3}(1) \\ &= \frac{x-2-2x}{(x-2)^3} \\ &= \frac{-2-x}{(x-2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$h'(x) = 0 \text{ when } x = -2.$$

Interval	$x < -2$	$x = -2$	$-2 < x < 2$	$x > 2$
$h'(x)$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	$< 0$
Graph of $h(x)$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Decreasing

There is a local minimum at  $(-2, -\frac{1}{8})$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{1 - \frac{4}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2}} = 0$$

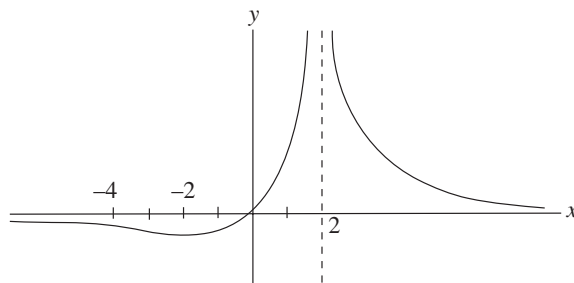
Similarly,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} h(x) = 0$

The  $x$ -axis is a horizontal asymptote.

$$\begin{aligned} h''(x) &= -2(x-2)^{-3} - 2(x-2)^{-3} + 6x(x-2)^{-4} \\ &= -4(x-2)^{-3} + 6x(x-2)^{-4} \\ &= \frac{2x+8}{(x-2)^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$h''(x) = 0 \text{ when } x = -4$$

The second derivative changes signs on opposite sides of  $x = -4$ . Hence,  $(-4, -\frac{1}{9})$  is a point of inflection.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{f. } f(t) &= \frac{t^2 - 3t + 2}{t - 3} \\ &= t + \frac{2}{t-3} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f(t) = t$  is an oblique asymptote. There is a discontinuity at  $t = 3$ .

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 3^-} f(t) = -\infty \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow 3^+} f(t) = \infty$$

Therefore,  $x = 3$  is a vertical asymptote.

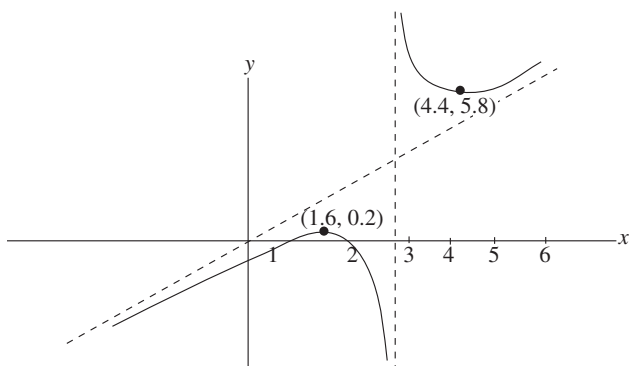
The y-intercept is  $-\frac{2}{3}$ .

The  $x$ -intercepts are  $t = 1$  and  $t = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= 1 - \frac{2}{(t-3)^2} \\ f'(t) = 0 \text{ when } 1 - \frac{2}{(t-3)^2} &= 0 \\ (t-3)^2 &= 2 \\ t-3 &= \pm \sqrt{2} \\ t &= 3 \pm \sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Interval	$t < 3 - \sqrt{2}$	$t = 3 - \sqrt{2}$	$3 - \sqrt{2} < t < 3$	$3 < t < 3 + \sqrt{2}$	$t = 3 + \sqrt{2}$	$t > 3 + \sqrt{2}$
$f'(t)$	$> 0$	$= 0$	$< 0$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $f(t)$	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

(1.6, 0.2) is a local maximum and (4.4, 5.8) is a local minimum.



g.  $s = te^{-3t} + 10$

At  $t = 0$ ,  $s = 10$ .

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = e^{-3t} + te^{-3t}(-3) = e^{-3t}(1 - 3t)$$

Since  $e^{-3t} > 0$ ,  $\frac{ds}{dt} = 0$  when  $t = \frac{1}{3}$ .

Interval	$t < \frac{1}{3}$	$t = \frac{1}{3}$	$t > \frac{1}{3}$
$\frac{ds}{dt}$	$> 0$	$0$	$< 0$
Graph of $s$	Increasing	Total Maximum	Decreasing

$\left(\frac{1}{3}, 10 + \frac{1}{3}e\right)$  is a local maximum point.

Since  $s$  is always decreasing for  $t > \frac{1}{3}$ , and  $te^{-3t}$

is positive for  $t > \frac{1}{3}$ , the graph will always be

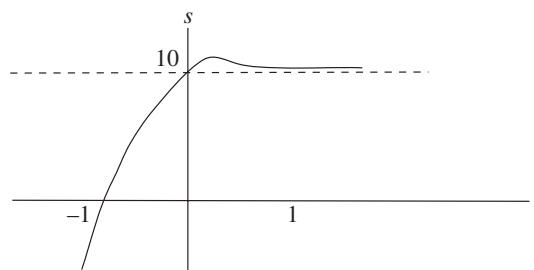
above the line  $s = 10$ , but it is approaching the line  $s = 10$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus,  $s = 10$  is a horizontal asymptote. Since  $s$  is continuous for all  $t$ , has a

local maximum at  $\left(\frac{1}{3}, 10 + \frac{1}{3}e\right)$ , and has

$s = 10$  as a horizontal asymptote, we conclude that there is an inflection point at a value of

$t > \frac{1}{3}$ . (It can be shown that there is an

inflection point at  $t = \frac{2}{3}$ .)



h.  $P = \frac{100}{1 + 50e^{-0.2t}}$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $P = \frac{100}{51} \doteq 1.99$

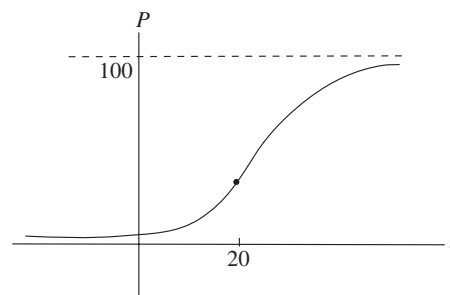
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -100(1 + 50e^{-0.2t})^{-2} (50e^{-0.2t})(-0.2)$$

$$= \frac{1000e^{-0.2t}}{(1 + 50e^{-0.2t})^2}$$

Since  $\frac{dP}{dt} > 0$  for all  $t$ , the graph is always increasing.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{100}{1 + 50e^{-0.2t}} \right) = 100 \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{100}{1 + 50e^{-0.2t}} \right) = 0$$

Thus,  $P = 100$  is a horizontal asymptote for large positive values of  $t$ , and  $P = 0$  (the horizontal axis) is a horizontal asymptote for large negative values of  $t$ . It can be shown that there is a point of inflection at  $t \doteq 20$ .



13.  $P = 10^4 te^{-0.2t} + 100, t \geq 0$

a.  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 10^4 [e^{-0.2t} + te^{-0.2t}(-0.2)]$   
 $= 10^4 e^{-0.2t} [1 - 0.2t]$

$\frac{dP}{dt} = 0$  when  $t = \frac{1}{0.2} = 5$ .

Since  $\frac{dP}{dt} > 0$  for  $0 \leq t < 5$  and  $\frac{dP}{dt} < 0$  for  $t > 5$ ,

the maximum population of the colony is  
 $P = 10^4(5)e^{-1} \doteq 18\,994$  and it occurs on the fifth day  
after the creation of the colony.

b. The growth rate of the colony is the function

$\frac{dP}{dt}$ . The rate of change of the growth rate is

$\frac{d^2P}{dt^2} = 10^4 [e^{-0.2t}(-0.2)(1 - 0.2t) + e^{-0.2t}(-0.2)]$   
 $= 10^4 e^{-0.2t} [0.04t - 0.4].$

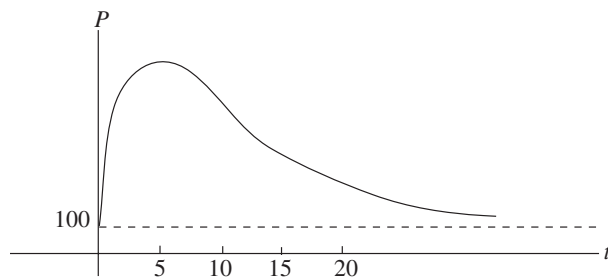
To determine when  $\frac{d^2P}{dt^2}$  starts to increase, we need

$\frac{d^3P}{dt^3}.$

$\frac{d^3P}{dt^3} = 10^4 [e^{-0.2t}(-0.2)(0.04t - 0.4) + e^{-0.2t}(0.04)]$   
 $= 10^4 e^{-0.2t} [0.12 - 0.008t]$   
 $= 80e^{-0.2t} (15 - t)$

Since  $\frac{d^3P}{dt^3} > 0$  for  $0 \leq t < 15$  and  $\frac{d^3P}{dt^3} < 0$  for

$t > 15$ ,  $\frac{d^2P}{dt^2}$  is increasing from the moment the  
colony is formed and continues for the first  
15 days.



14.  $y = \ln \left[ \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} \right], \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} > 0$

Since  $x^2 + 1 > 0$  for all  $x$ , for  $y$  to be defined,  
 $x^2 - 1 > 0$ . The domain is  $x < -1$  or  $x > 1$ .  
 $y$  can be written as  $y = \ln(x^2 + 1) - \ln(x^2 - 1)$ .

Thus,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{2x}{x^2 - 1}$   
 $= \frac{-4x}{x^4 - 1} = -4x(x^4 - 1)^{-1}$

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -4(x^4 - 1)^{-1} - 4x(-1)(x^4 - 1)^{-2}(4x^3)$

$= \frac{-4x^4 + 4 + 16x^4}{(x^4 - 1)^2} = \frac{4 + 12x^4}{(x^4 - 1)^2}.$

Since  $x \neq \pm 1$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  is positive for all  $x$  in the domain.

15. a.  $f(x) = \frac{2x + 4}{x^2 - k^2}$

$f'(x) = \frac{2(x^2 - k^2) - (2x + 4)(2x)}{(x^2 - k^2)^2}$   
 $= -\frac{2x^2 + 8x + 2k^2}{(x^2 - k^2)^2}$

For critical values,  $f'(x) = 0$  and  $x \neq \pm k$ :  
 $x^2 + 4x + k^2 = 0$

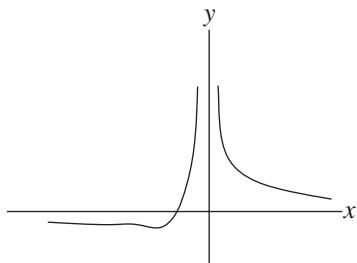
$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4k^2}}{2}.$

For real roots,  $16 - 4k^2 \geq 0$   
 $-2 \leq k \leq 2.$

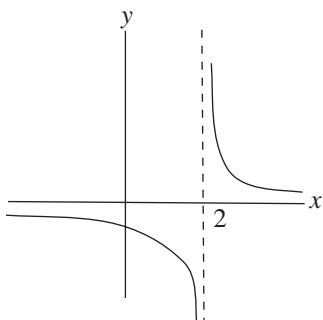
The conditions for critical points to exist  
are  $-2 \leq k \leq 2$  and  $x \neq \pm k$ .

- b. There are three different graphs that result for values of  $k$  chosen.

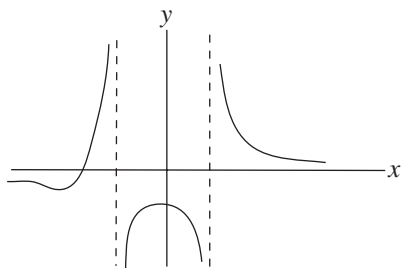
(i)  $k = 0$



(ii)  $k = 2$



(iii) For all other values of  $k$ , the graph will be similar to that of 1(i) in Exercise 9.5.



## Chapter 9 Test

1. a.  $x < -9$  or  $-6 < x < -3$  or  $0 < x < 4$  or  $x > 8$   
b.  $-9 < x < -6$  or  $-3 < x < 0$  or  $4 < x < 8$   
c.  $(-9, 1)$ ,  $(-6, -2)$ ,  $(0, 1)$ ,  $(8, -2)$

d.  $x = -3, x = 4$

e.  $f''(x) > 0$

f.  $-3 < x < 0$  or  $4 < x < 8$

g.  $(-8, 0)$ ,  $(10, -3)$

2. a.  $g(x) = 2x^4 - 8x^3 - x^2 + 6x$

$g'(x) = 8x^3 - 24x^2 - 2x + 6$

To find the critical points, we solve  $g'(x) = 0$ :

$8x^3 - 24x^2 - 2x + 6 = 0$

$4x^3 - 12x^2 - x + 3 = 0$

Since  $g'(3) = 0$ ,  $(x - 3)$  is a factor.

$(x - 3)(4x^2 - 1) = 0$

$x = 3$  or  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  or  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Note:** We could also group to get

$4x^2(x - 3) - (x - 3) = 0$ .

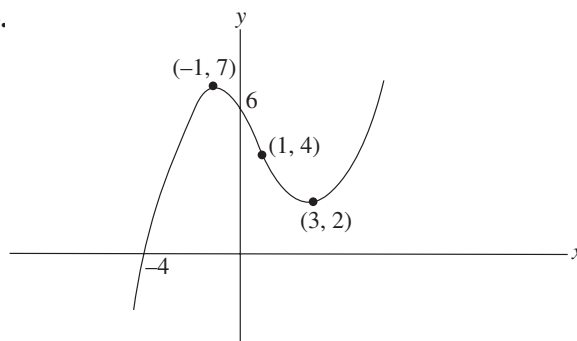
b.  $g''(x) = 24x^2 - 48x - 2$

Since  $g''\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 28 > 0$ ,  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{17}{8}\right)$  is a local maximum.

Since  $g''\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -20 < 0$ ,  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{15}{8}\right)$  is a local maximum.

Since  $g''(3) = 70 > 0$ ,  $(3, -45)$  is a local minimum.

3.



4.  $g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 7x + 10}{(x-3)(x+2)}$

The function  $g(x)$  is not defined at  $x = -2$  or  $x = 3$ .

At  $x = -2$ , the value of the numerator is 0. Thus, there is a discontinuity at  $x = -2$ , but  $x = -2$  is not a vertical asymptote.

At  $x = 3$ , the value of the numerator is 40.  $x = 3$  is a vertical asymptote.

$$g(x) = \frac{(x+2)(x+5)}{(x-3)(x+2)} = \frac{x+5}{x-3}, x \neq -2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \left( \frac{x+5}{x-3} \right) = -\frac{3}{5}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \left( \frac{x+5}{x-3} \right) = -\frac{3}{5}$$

There is a hole in the graph of  $g(x)$  at  $\left(-2, -\frac{3}{5}\right)$ .

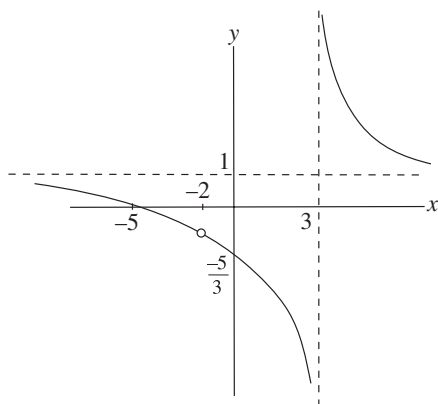
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \left( \frac{x+5}{x-3} \right) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \left( \frac{x+5}{x-3} \right) = \infty$$

There is a vertical asymptote at  $x = 3$ .

Also,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x) = 1$ .

Thus,  $y = 1$  is a horizontal asymptote.



5.  $g(x) = e^{2x}(x^2 - 2)$

$$g'(x) = e^{2x}(2)(x^2 - 2) + e^{2x}(2x) = 2e^{2x}(x^2 + x - 2)$$

To find the critical points, we solve  $g'(x) = 0$ :

$$2e^{2x}(x^2 + x - 2) = 0$$

$$(x+2)(x-1) = 0, \text{ since } e^{2x} > 0 \text{ for all } x$$

$$x = -2 \text{ or } x = 1.$$

Interval	$x < -2$	$x = -2$	$-2 < x < 1$	$x = 1$	$x > 1$
$g'(x)$	$> 0$	$0$	$< 0$	$0$	$> 0$
Graph of $g(x)$	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

The function  $g(x)$  has a local maximum at  $\left(-2, \frac{2}{e^4}\right)$  and a local minimum at  $(1, -e^2)$ .

6.  $f(x) = \frac{2x+10}{x^2-9}$

$$= \frac{2x+10}{(x-3)(x+3)}$$

There are discontinuities at  $x = -3$  and at  $x = 3$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = \infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) = -\infty \end{array} \right\} x = -3 \text{ is a vertical asymptote.}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = -\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \infty \end{array} \right\} x = 3 \text{ is a vertical asymptote.}$$

The  $y$ -intercept is  $-\frac{10}{9}$  and  $x = -5$  is an  $x$ -intercept.

$$f'(x) = \frac{2(x^2-9) - (2x+10)(2x)}{(x^2-9)^2} = \frac{-2x^2 - 20x - 18}{(x^2-9)^2}$$

For critical values, we solve  $f'(x) = 0$ :

$$x^2 + 10x + 9 = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x+9) = 0$$

$$x = -1 \text{ or } x = -9.$$

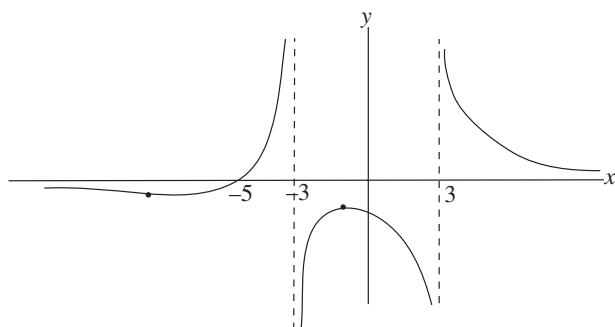
Interval	$x < -9$	$x = -9$	$-9 < x < -3$	$-3 < x < -1$	$x = -1$	$-1 < x < 3$	$x > 3$
$f'(x)$	$< 0$	$0$	$> 0$	$> 0$	$0$	$< 0$	$< 0$
Graph $f(x)$	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Decreasing

$\left(-9, -\frac{1}{9}\right)$  is a local minimum and  $(-1, -1)$  is a local maximum.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2}{x} + \frac{10}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{9}{x^2}} = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{\frac{2}{x} + \frac{10}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{9}{x^2}} \right) = 0$$

$y = 0$  is a horizontal asymptote.



7.  $y = x^2 + \ln(kx)$   
 $= x^2 + \ln k + \ln x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 - \frac{1}{x^2}$$

The second derivative is independent of  $k$ . There is not enough information to determine  $k$ .

8.  $f(x) = x^3 + bx^2 + c$

a.  $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2bx$

Since  $f'(-2) = 0$ ,  $12 - 4b = 0$   
 $b = 3$ .

Also,  $f(-2) = 6$ .

Thus,  $-8 + 12 + c = 6$   
 $c = 2$ .

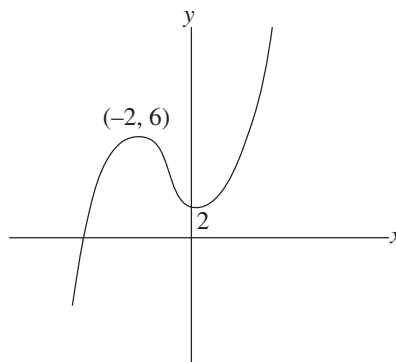
b.  $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 6x$   
 $= 3x(x + 2)$

The critical points are  $(-2, 6)$  and  $(0, 2)$ .

$$f''(x) = 6x + 6$$

Since  $f''(-2) = -6 < 0$ ,  $(-2, 6)$  is a local maximum.

Since  $f'(0) = 6 > 0$ ,  $(0, 2)$  is a local minimum.



9.  $y = x^{\frac{2}{3}}(x - 5)$   
 $= x^{\frac{5}{3}} - 5x^{\frac{2}{3}}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5}{3}x^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{10}{3}x^{-\frac{1}{3}}$   
 $= \frac{5}{3}x^{\frac{1}{3}}(x - 2)$   
 $= \frac{5(x - 2)}{3x^{\frac{1}{3}}}$

The critical values are  $x = 2$  when  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ ,

and  $x = 0$  when  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  does not exist.

Interval	$x < 0$	$x = 0$	$0 < x < 2$	$x = 2$	$x > 2$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$> 0$	Does Not Exist	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
Graph of $y = f(x)$	Increasing	Local Max	Decreasing	Local Min	Increasing

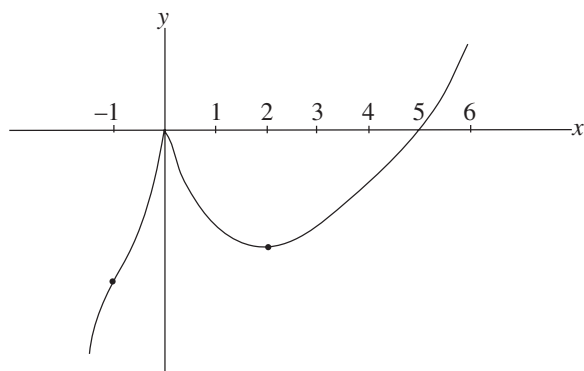
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{10}{9}x^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{10}{9}x^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{10}{9} \left( \frac{x + 1}{x^{\frac{4}{3}}} \right)$$

There are possible points of inflection at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 0$ .

Interval	$x < -1$	$x = -1$	$-1 < x < 0$	$x = 0$	$x > 0$
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$	$< 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$	Does Not Exist	$> 0$
Graph of $y = f(x)$	Concave Down	Point of Inflection	Concave Up	Cusp	Concave Up

The  $y$ -intercept is 0. There are  $x$ -intercepts at 0 and 5.



10.  $y = x^2 e^{kx} + p$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xe^{kx} + x^2(ke^{kx})$$

$$= xe^{kx} (2 + kx)$$

a. When  $x = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ .

$$\text{Thus, } 0 = \frac{2}{3}e^{\frac{2}{3}k} \left( 2 + \frac{2}{3}k \right).$$

$$\text{Since } e^{\frac{2}{3}k} > 0, 2 + \frac{2}{3}k = 0$$

$$k = -3.$$

b. The parameter  $p$  represents a vertical translation of the graph of  $y = x^2 e^{-3x}$ .